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Alberta girl judged old enough to choose abortion

Jeff Adams

CALGARY — Saying she has "sufficient intelligence to make up her own mind, three Alberta Court of Appeal judges have upheld a 16-year-old Alberta girl's right to receive an abortion.

The judges rejected a plea from the unmarried youngster's Mormon parents to stop the procedure from

occurring during the baby's 19th week.

"I'm inclined to agree she's made the wrong decision," said Mr. Justice Roger Kerans. "But the question is whether parents and the courts can impose their decision on a 16-year-old."

He said they could not because the girl from Medicine Hat, 300 kilometres southeast of Calgary, appeared mature

enough to make her own choice.

"We express our sympathy to both the parents and the child that such a painful conflict should occur," Kerans said.

The abortion apparently went ahead within hours after the appeal court's Dec. 31 ruling. The names of the girl and her parents were banned from publication.

Feelings of guilt

The appeal judges' decision endorsed a ruling reached a day earlier by Court of Queen's Bench Justice Lawrence MacLean in Medicine Hat. He quashed an interim injunction the parents had obtained in provincial court Dec. 21 to stop an abortion planned the same day.

Although MacLean sided with the pregnant girl, he issued a stay of proceedings that prohibited an abortion until the parents and their lawyer launched one final appeal.

Their lawyer, Don Kolody, argued the girl's religious upbringing and her home life make it impossible for her to avoid strong feelings of guilt if she had an abortion. At 16, he said, she probably has no idea how strong those feelings may be.

But Madam Justice Mary
Heatherington said anyone having an abortion is bound to feel some guilt.
"There's nothing you've said so far

to suggest her feelings are any different

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than those of an adult," Heatherington told Kolody during the appeal hearing.

Legal limit

The time for an abortion had virtually run out by the date of the court hearing,

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Surprises about Christians' attitudes towards Jews

Marian Van Til

NEW YORK, N.Y. — A U.S.-wide survey of evangelical and fundamentalist Christian attitudes towards Jews challenges commonly-held assumptions, according to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) which commissioned the poll.

A telephone survey of 1,000 scientifically chosen "religiously conservative" Christians revealed that most of them do not "consciously use their deeplyheld Christian faith and convictions as justification for anti-Semitic views of Jews," says the ADL.

Among other things, the poll revealed:

• 90 per cent do not believe that "Christians are justified in holding negative attitudes towards Jews since the Jews killed Christ." Five per cent agreed with that statement; five per cent were unsure.

*34 per cent think God views Jews
"more favourably than other nonChristians" because "Jews are God's
chosen people" and Jesus Himself was a
Jew. Ten per cent felt that God views
Jews "less favourably than other nonChristians."

•86 per cent disagreed with the assertion that "God does not hear the prayer of a Jew." That statement was originally made in 1981 by then-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. Bailey Smith. Among Baptists today, only 12 per cent agreed.

• 68 per cent said Jews are views by

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Study evaluates youth employment:

Jobs there, but students not interested

Margaret Griffioen

TORONTO, Ont. — While the federal government recently announced committing \$180-million to a student summer job creation program, a Toronto program may shift its focus to motivating young people to take jobs.

Youth Network created 5,660 jobs in the Toronto area last summer, but the unemployment rate among 15 to 19-year-olds decreased only slightly, according to a recent Globe and Mail article.

"Only 3,509 of the jobs were filled, and though vacancies rose 23.4 per cent over 1984 — for a total of 14,000 extra jobs — actual placements increased only 1.8 per cent," an independent study found.

The study, by ACS Group of Ottawa, said attention should be turned to unmotivated and hard-to-reach young people. Network's chairman, Dennis Mills agrees. "I'm not sure we need a Youth Network, What we need now is another instrument to motivate young people."

Some youth just "turned off"

Mills blamed permissive parents and the media for an attitude problem among the young. "The media," he said in the Globe, "have created the problem. You've never had the guts to write the story that there are thousands of jobs for young people out there."

Several factors are reported as inhibiting students from taking the jobs available. Some young people are considered just "turned off" by jobs offered especially since the average

wage for summer employment last year was \$4.50 an hour. Another factor was that only 27 per cent of the jobs were considered "career-oriented."

The ACS Group study noted that though simple sales techniques would need modifying, "'turned-off' youth are just especially tough customers who need much patience as well as the 'hard sell.' For this group something more than simply being presented with ample job opportunities is clearly required."

Program claims to meet employment needs

The federal program, Challenge '87, will fund public sector and non-profit employers 100 per cent of minimum wage to hire a student, and will pay 50 per cent (up to \$3) of a student's wages in private sector jobs.

Also inviting students to create their own jobs, Minister of State for Youth, Jean Charest, says that Challenge '87 is a career move for many students. The program will '... emphasize work experience related to students' fields of study and career goals as well as jobs for younger students."

Extra guidance programs and special funding will also be made available to high school dropouts who need special help, according to Charest.

Thinkbit

Today's mighty oak is merely yesterday's little nut that managed to hold its ground.

(Niagara Scene, April '83)



How do conservative Christians feel about Jews? A recent ADL survey uncovered a few unexpected results.

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"Editor, you ask for it again"

The flow of letters in response to the Nov. 21 appeal continued for a few weeks after the Jan. 2 issue. We want to print some of the latecomers in this issue, picking up the numbering where we left off.

We are particularly glad to see outlying areas (outlying from our point of view only!) like Alberta, B.C. and the U.S. so well represented this time. The slowness of the mail explains their late arrival. Special thanks to those readers who said that they pray for us at *Calvinist Contact*. That is the greatest sign of encouragement we can hope for.

The national Editorial Advisory Board of C.C. hopes to meet on Feb. 13 and 14. One item on our agenda is the Jan. 2 and Jan. 30 letter section. We intend to take to heart all words of wisdom that were sent our way through your letters. Thank you for being a community.

B.W.

46. Bramalea, Ont.

l used to be a subscriber of your paper, but let it go at the time when most articles about politics seemed to lean to the left. Recently, I borrowed some copies from a friend out of curiosity and the general line seems to hold a bit more to the middle ground.

I would like to stress that you should not be an amused bystander in the (most likely) last world struggle between the atheist camp (which says "there is no God") and the people who pray to the Lord of creation for help. The outcome of this struggle should concern you.

Peter S. De Jong

47. Rexdale, Ont.

Your plea for readers' feedback is laudable but hard to answer. Obviously, everyone has different tastes, appreciations, likes and dislikes; and you'll never be able to satisfy all. Which itself is a good thing.

Let me merely express my appreciation for C.C. The paper is a very good example of quality journalism and positive, Christian direction. It is refreshingly different from much of the so-called religious press. Also, your typesetters and layout people do an excellent job.

Naturally, there is room for criticism; but considering that we already have too much spleen venting in our circles, I won't add to it. Keep up the good work and don't let the critics get you down! May the Giver of all good gifts, including good journalism, bless you in 1987.

Ed Vanderkloet

48. Calgary, Alta.

My English writing takes extra effort (no school education here). The Dutch comes, gemakkelijker!! But... I read your magazine from beginning to end. It is good to read about different opinions. It helps me to think things over, and make decisions after. Your input is good for me.

Thanks for all the work done by everyone to bring us this magazine. May the Lord give you new resources every time, to go on, like we all must!

Julie Verkerk

49. Fort Lauderdale, Fl.

In general, I think C.C. is a great paper. One of its strengths is its diversity. As a CRWRC worker in Haiti, I especially appreciate the fairly regular coverage you give of our church's overseas work.

Many CRC members don't fully understand the nature of our work (i.e. teaching farmers to grow more rice is concrete and easy to understand, but teaching a community committee to identify and plan to solve its problems is not). So keep it up and maybe even expand your coverage of our work.

Ray Vander Zaag

50. North Augusta, Ont.

First, we like to wish you all God's blessing for the New Year

We do like C.C. very much, although we may not like all the issues the same. But so what, my husband does not like my cooking all the time either. He says, "if you don't hear me complaining, it is OK!" So, keep going and keep smiling! I enclose two new subscribers for our paper with payment enclosed.

Mrs. Lubertus Oosterhof

51. Abbotsford, B.C.

We are fairly happy with Calvinist

Contact as it is. You have a lot of articles
in one issue, so we have a hard time
reading it all each week. We wouldn't
mind if it came bi-weekly.

We like to see articles relating to the family (there have been some very good ones). We like inspirational, Christian living articles. Also we would like to see more news and info from the West included.

We don't read Dutch, so it wouldn't bother us if that was eliminated.

Gertie Fictorie

52. Surrey, B.C.

- 1. Less emphasis on "Dutchness,"
 I'm a Canadian.
 - 2. Get rid of Dutch language section.
- 3. C.C. caters to the old, immigrant generation. The young (second generation) are not targeted.
- 4. Have articles which focus on the family the babyboomers and their needs: marriage and raising kids.
- 5. Have articles on responsible church membership, spiritual gifts, how to care, theological reflections.
 - 6. Get rid of Praamsma.

W. Brouwer

53. Toronto, Ont.

I like such things as your editorials, your comics, news coverage of events in our own community, the family announcements of various kinds, the advertisements for positions in leadership areas such as the pastorate and other organizations, and your column of coming events.

I don't particularly care for the chess column and wonder how many people are being served by that, or even by Rev. Tuyl's articles. There is a certain attitude of exaggeration there that can give the uninformed the wrong impression. I have very much appreciated him as a pastor and love him dearly, but I am not that enamored by his column.

What I would like Calvinist Contact to be is a common experience for the whole Reformed community. I would like everyone to share at least some small part of their life with everyone else. I know that we don't share it when it comes to most other aspects of life, whether that be while listening to radio stations, to preachers, to neighbours, etc.

In order for C.C. to be such a common experience, I would love to see your subscriptions go to the 15,000-20,000 mark. I'm sure you would too. Here are several suggestions that may help towards that goal.

1. I suggest that you make the Dutch language articles available strictly as a supplement to subscribers who are willing to pay an extra, for example, \$5.00 per year. Your image will be one of an English weekly for the Reformed people and the Dutch will be an extra service you provide to a small, and in the future an even smaller, group.

2. Make sure that there are no assumptions being made in articles about the reader being Christian Reformed. If you want to deal with the Reformed community, it has to be an interdenominational approach.

3. Perhaps you can develop a concept of supplements for either regionally or denominationally based groups. For example, perhaps we could do away with The Link as a paper in classis
Toronto, provided the Christian
Reformed Churches in Classis Toronto could join in an every family plan and have a one-page insert once per month in Calvinist Contact. That same one page could be made available to
Canadian Reformed Churches,
Reformed Churches, or others. Those who don't belong to a specific group

would simply not get the extra page.

4. You might consider several additional columns like the practical financial advice or information column found in *The Toronto Star*, where people could ask advice on pensions, investments, etc.

That's it for now, and I hope that you continue to do well with Calvinist Contact.

Harry Houtman

54. Calgary, Alta.

I could do with a little more of John Martens and a lot less of Lini Grol. A puzzle (crossword) or a cryptogram would be a welcome addition as far as 1'm concerned.

1. Bakker

55. Chatham, Ont.

Yes, I know I'm late. When I read your Nov. 21 appeal for reader suggestions, I quickly wrote down some thoughts with full intentions of tidying them up and sending them off to you.

Somehow it didn't get done and now I have the Jan. 2 edition of C.C. in front of me with many reader responses.

Before reading these, I'll share with you my thoughts. I'll do this so that I won't be biased by what others had to say.

lenjoy C.C. and look forward to its coming. As I read your appeal (Nov. 21), beside me is your editorial on headship. I appreciate the skill and thoughtfulness with which you approached the subject. For me at least, your editorials have a way of making me see things more clearly and seeing them for what they really are.

I appreciate the spirit of ecumenicism in C.C. There is not a feeling of paranoia about things that are not Reformed or Christian Reformed.

I know others may disagree, but I think your coverage of politics is important in C.C. Those of us who think we can get all of our information about politics from the newspaper and TV have a false sense of security. The media (especially the American media) is very biased! Issues are not as simple as many would like to have us believe. As Christians we should strive for the truth and show it to others.

Among others, I like articles by Carl Tuyl, Herman Praamsma and Leonard Schalkwyk. I also enjoy the education section. Pontius' Puddle should go.
Although it forces us to take a look at some of our attitudes and narrow-mindedness, it makes fun of religion and does more harm than good. It leaves me with a bad feeling.

I think you should speed up the process of reducing the Dutch section.

In general, I enjoy the paper the way it is. Keep up the good work.

Art Timmerman

56. Edmonton, Alta.

You must have been thrilled with the response to your Nov. 21 appeal for reader suggestions. It becomes clear that many readers appreciate what you are doing. And, I'm happy to say, that includes me. I have nothing to add to the many worthwhile suggestions.

However, I would hate to see the

redifying sermon' as suggested by one writer. This is not why we subscribe to a weekly such as C.C., I would think. We have ample opportunity to listen to sermons two times every Sunday. Imagine, all the unemployed ministers if we all stayed at home and read C.C. instead. There is a time and a place for everything and in my opinion C.C. is not the place. Besides that, I enjoy Rev. Tuyl's pressreview. I think a bit of humour is good for all of us.

John Van Vliet

57. Lethbridge, Alta.

I have looked over the letters in your Jan. 2 issue and found only one from Alberta. Why? It is because Albertans have become disgusted with the articles in C.C.

The political ponderings of Carl Tuyl are making poor citizens out of many unpatriotic readers of Dutch descent.

This is one reason for cancelled subscriptions. Paul de Groot's articles at least are not biased.

The page 4 cartoon of the Jan. 2 issue is sick. C.C. is too much Ontariocentred for Albertans.

Harriet Schuld

58. Bayfield, Ont.

You are to be congratulated on the many fine responses you got from your readers [in the Jan. 2 issue]. Amazing! What a variety! It builds, it informs and therefore maintains the communication of our paper, exactly as you put it in your editorial response.

Not all letters were fine responses. I disagree in part or in totality with what some contain. Here is my opinion in short form:

- 1. Do not drop Syrt Wolters. He keeps ringing the bell that we should value our social and political heritage.
- 2. I totally disagree with G.G. from Hamilton. If we skip what he skips, we may as well drop the whole paper and watch televison.
- 3. Yes, Pontius Puddle should be dropped. Indeed, it belongs in a comic book. We can also do without Rock music advisors! Is there not enough noise on earth?
- 4. With much appreciation for Pressreview, the writer should watch his language. By all means, Rev. Tuyl, disagree and try to give politics a humorous flavour (you do it so well), but do not disgrace well-meaning politicians like our Prime Minister, Mr. Clark or many others. It pleases the Lord that they should rule over us.
- 5. I fully agree with the plea to continue the Dutch section.
- 6. Last, but not least: as for changing the name of our weekly We live in changing times, but let's not make this mistake [of changing the name]. There is much in a name when applied to a Christian weekly. Much Calvinism and contact-with-it is missing in our dear new country Canada.

Arthur Jongejan

59. Port Jervis, New Jersey

Today we got the Jan. 2 issue and read it from cover to cover. The letters to the Editor were interesting. There were several people writing that we knew: A cousin from Orillia, a Bruinsma from my hometown. Rev. Kuntz married us [in Holland]. It was the first wedding he performed.

We like Van Halsema and Van Harmelen's stories.

Ann Hofstee-Greidanus

60. Richmond, B.C.

Happy New Year, and may many good pieces flow forth from your pen, and benefit those who read them. The advice from Paul to continually look forward and forget the things behind us is and always will remain good advice.

Like you, I dream of new horizons and can't understand why people do not want to buy my product and thereby shortchange themselves and miss a life full of surprises.

And you wanted to know HOW you are doing? Fine, Bert, just REAL fine. The West Coast is full of praise for you. At least ... I know two who enjoy the fruits of your labour. There is one man in our church who reads your paper from cover to cover, and I know one who reads only what he likes to read. As for all the other people on the coast, they would surely cancel their subscription if they didn't like your paper.

Sometimes many negatives tell us how the positives are doing.

Geert VanderMeulen

61. Edmonton, Alta.

Having contemplated a subscription to C.C. for a long time, I decided to "cut the knot" (de knoop doorhakken).

Thanks for the free copy of C.C.'s

Christmas issue. I had a subscription to another paper for a while, but it looks too much like the Watchtower—it's a mite too conservative for our taste!

If one wants to live according to every teaching appearing in the Bible than even our Christian Reformed Church would be totally different. So, why trip over "women in office" but not over "and they held everything in common." Inquired about the latter at one time. Reply: "That's not practical!" Yes, I imagine Well, for me it is not practical to have the (good) godly woman stand outside the church wanting to get in!

Bill Thysse, Sr.

62. Edmonton, Alta.

lam looking forward to regularly reading Calvinist Contact throughout 1987, and if it should work out that I cannot continue my subscription beyond 1987, let me assure you now that it won't be from lack of interest in what you have to offer, but simply a question of economics, as I hope, D.V., to continue my studies in the fall.

It's my prayer that your endeavours at C.C. in "keeping the vision alive" will continue to serve a vital function in the lives of God's people!

W. Tavenier

Editorial

Agnostics are dumb people

Canada, like other western countries, has among its most illustrious citizens many agnostics. People like Pierre Berton, Margaret Atwood, David Suzuki and Charles Templeton come to mind. They are Canadians with a high profile, and part of the reason for that high profile is the fact that they appear to stand above religious divisions. They are considered by many to be the "real" Canadians.

Agnosticism is a late development in the history of human thinking and being. It's a big word for a simple attitude towards the spiritual world — God, heaven and hell, doctrine. The simple attitude is "I don't know." An agnostic claims ignorance when it comes to religious matters.

Why? Because the nineteenth century was the century that saw the rise of science with its insistence that knowledge must be proven before it can be accepted or taught. If one can demonstrate that the earth is round, and one can, well then, it is so. But if one cannot demonstrate that God created the heavens and the earth, well then, one should not accept that as knowledge, and it should not be taught. A simple formula for secular education, no? It becomes obvious that secular education is agnostic education.

What is so unfortunate here is that modern thinkers and leaders make the mistake of mixing oranges and apples. Scientific knowledge should rely on verification by experiment and or logical argument. But not all knowledge is scientific, just like not all of life is scientific. Yet non-scientific knowledge is not inferior to scientific knowledge.

Among non-scientific forms of knowledge is the knowledge of faith. According to Hebrews 11, faith knowledge is the certainty of things we hope for and do not see. "By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible."

Obviously scientific knowledge is powerless in the face of things that are not made out of what was visible.

What all this means is that agnostics need not be agnostics, need not claim ignorance about spiritual things, because they can know about these things without having to provide scientific proof. They can also do that with other forms of knowledge, such as the knowledge that their wife or husband loves them. That too can be proclaimed without scientific evidence.

The tragic thing about agnosticism as it is propagated in Canadian public schools and by leading Canadians in their role as writers, speakers and examples is that agnostics, as Robertson Davies pointed out in a recent Saturday Night article, are "religious illiterates; they have not examined what they say they do not believe." Next time you meet an agnostic, don't be impressed. Behind that mask of sophisticated honesty stare a pair of blind eyes, directed by a mind afflicted with the nineteenth-century disease called "tunnel vision."

(To our teenage readers: If you find yourself in a public high school, share this editorial with some of your teachers. They may or may not be agnostics. Either way, they may want to comment. We would love to hear from you after that.)



News

Surprises about Christians' attitudes towards Jews

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God 'no differently than other non-Christians' because they do not believe in Christ as
Saviour; 20 per cent said Jews may be judged more harshly and 12 per cent were "unsure."

An ongoing analysis of Christians

ADL national director
Nathan Perlmutter explained
that the poll, released Jan. 8, is
part of that agency's "ongoing
analyses of Christian attitudes
towards Jews." He believes the
survey's results are significant
because of the increased
prominence in the U.S. in
recent years of conservative
Christians, "a group about
which Jews have expressed
apprehension."

Perlmutter realizes that not all Christians' disagreements with Jews are based on anti-Semitism, but that many such differences reflect differing values and beliefs. "In a culturally pluralistic society," he notes, "it is possible to be at opposite ends of an issue without religious bigotry being operative."

Stereotypes: maintained or dying?

However, Perlmutter is "troubled" by what he feels is a high percentage of agreement with one or more of seven "anti-Semitic characterizations" that were presented to respondents during the poll. Twenty-two per cent agreed with one of those stereotypical statements, 21 per cent agreed with two or more. Perhaps surprisingly it was found that more younger people (49 per cent of people aged 18-34) agreed with at least one anti-Semitic characterization than those who are older (34 per cent

of those 55 and over.)

The stereotypical statements included the following:

1. "Because Jews are not bound by Christian ethics, they do things to get ahead that Christians generally do not do." (27 per cent agreed)

2. "Jews are tight with money." (51 per cent agreed, but 60 per cent of those agreeing felt that that was a positive trait.)

3. "Jews want to remain different from other people, and yet they are touchy if people notice these differences." (39 per cent agreed.)

4. "Jews are more loyal to Israel than to the U.S." (27 per cent agreed, but almost half thought that to be positive.)

Perimutter was also "troubled" by the large percentage of Christians (59 per cent) who agreed that "Jews can never be forgiven for what they did to Jesus until they accept Him as the true Saviour," and by the fact that 50 per cent said that Christians should "actively help lead Jews to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour." There were a full 10 per cent who were "unsure" that six-million Jews had died at the hands of the Nazis in World War II, and five per cent who said there was "no direct evidence" of the Holocaust.

"Religiously-based" or "secular" anti-Semitism?

The survey asked questions about "secular" anti-Semitism as well as that which is religiously-based. In the "secular" section, 49 per cent of the sampling had a "very favourable" or "somewhat favourable" opinion of Jews,

40 per cent were "about average" and four per cent admitted to unfavourable attitudes. A higher percentage (56 per cent) had a "very favourable" or "favourable" attitude towards Israel.

The perception that most fundamentalist and evangelical Christians believe that Jews wield too much power in the

U.S. is inaccurate, the survey revealed. Only seven per cent of respondents agreed with that statement, putting Jews on the bottom of a list of six "power-wielding" groups. (Topping the list were big business [67 per cent cited that group first], and organized labour [55 per cent]). Others listed were Arabs (38 per cent), Catholics (23 per

cent) and Blacks (11 per cent).

The survey sampling was made up of Baptists (36 per cent), Methodists (12 per cent), Lutherans (10 per cent), Church of Christ members (seven per cent), and smaller percentages of Pentecostals, Mormons and Assembly of God adherents.

Guilty ... as charged!

C.C. staff

TORONTO, Ont. — On Apr. 10, 1986, Steve Cohen, Canadian Director of Jews for Jesus, was arrested at York University while distributing gospel tracts in Central Square. Steve was charged with trespassing to private property.

He went to Provincial
Offenses Court for a three-day
trial Oct. 8th-10th. There Steve
testified to his Lord and stated
his firm conviction that
universities are public places
where one ought to be able to
tell of his faith based on our
new Canadian Charter of
Rights.

In his decision handed down on Nov. 18th, Judge Mercer stated that "universities are not under the Charter of Rights." Steve was found guilty of trespassing. The judge handed down a suspended sentence and gave Steve three months probation, the minimum allowed by law.

At their Dec. 1st Board of Directors meeting, Jews for Jesus held considerable discussion concerning their next step. They prayed for wisdom and direction.

They realized that first this was only an issue that affected Jews For Jesus strategy of ministry on one campus. Now

with this decision, it has been ruled by a provincial judge that universities in Ontario are private property. Therefore, the gospel cannot be freely presented. Many other Christian agencies and individuals could be affected if this ruling goes unchallenged.

Jews for Jesus has decided to appeal this decision

"What we are fighting for is not a good name, but a principle: the freedom to tell of Y'shua," says a Jews for Jesus spokesperson Warwick Cooper.

This could be a lengthy

appeal process. The Canadian Directors are asking for help as they start up a legal defense fund to meet this need. This legal defense fund is separate from the normal ministry operating funds.

"More than just dollars are needed," says Cooper.
"Prayers and the affirmation of Christian individuals, churches and other ministries are needed too. We recognize that we are not engaged in a battle against a handful of students who oppose the gospel at York University, nor the administration, but against principalities and powers of darkness."

Redeemer College to award OSAP equivalent grants

ANCASTER, Ont. —
Redeemer College recently
announced that for the 1987-88
academic year, its students will
qualify for the full equivalent
of the Ontario Student
Assistance Program (OSAP)
grants given to students at
other Ontario universities.

During the 1986-87 academic year, students from PEI,
Manitoba and Saskatchewan qualified for their provinces' student assistance programs.
"Now students from Ontario and the other provinces will receive financial assistance similar to students from these three provinces," said Rev.
Henry R. De Bolster, president of the college.

The grants will be extended by Redeemer College until OSAP grants are awarded directly to its students. They range in size up to \$5,000 each.

Redeemer College has also increased its entrance scholar-ships from \$500 to \$1,100 each, renewable for up to three years. These entrance scholarships are awarded to all students who have an 80 per cent or above average in their final year of

high school or at their current college or university.

In addition, the college will make available a \$500 Campus Visit Award to all first-time students at Redeemer College, who visit the campus on or before Apr. 30, 1987. These awards are made at the time of registration and will be applied as a reduction of the tuition payable in September, 1987. Travel costs associated with such campus visits upon application, will be wholly or partly reimbursed, also by means of a reduction of tuition fees payable. Food and lodging are extended free of charge to students while visiting the campus.

"These new assistance programs, in addition to the programs established earlier, should make a Christian university-level education more affordable than ever before," said Mark Van Beveren, Recruitment Director of the college, located in Ancaster, Ontario.

Alberta girl judged old enough to choose abortion

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according to an affidavit filed
from Dr. Frances Wren, the
Calgary gynecologist who was
to conduct the procedure.

Only one day remained of the girl's 19th week of pregnancy, after which almost no physician will perform an abortion. Most hospitals' therapeutic abortion committees don't allow abortions after the 19th week, and many doctors won't perform them beyond 13 or 14 weeks.

Alberta law dictates that after the 19th week of pregnancy, or after the fetus reaches 500 grams, any death must be treated as a stillbirth. That requires a death certificate — something almost no physician is willing to fill out when he must list his own abortion procedure as the cause of death.

Such an admission would make the physician liable to

both criminal and civil charges, Calgary gynecologist Dr. Robert Yee said in an interview.

Not at home

Neither the pregnant girl nor her parents were present for the appeal hearing. The youngster's lawyer, John Stodalka, said his client was at Wren's office awaiting word on whether her abortion could go ahead.

"It will be done today but I won't say when," said a

spokesman for Wren.

The Court heard the pregnant girl lived at her parents' home until Dec. 15 when she ran away to Calgary. Her parents found her at the house of her boyfriend's stepmother and learned she'd made arrangements for an abortion.

A 14-year-old unmarried daughter in the family is also pregnant, but has decided to give birth to her baby.

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Abortion ruling correct, but ...

Hank van der Breggen

A Medicine Hat court granted a 16-year-old girl, who was pregnant with a 19-week-old child, the right to consent to the "medical procedure" known as abortion. As readers are undoubtedly aware, the court granted the 16-year-old the right to consent against the wishes of her Mormon parents. Having had the opportunity to observe the court proceedings in Medicine Hat in person, this Christian would like to forward to his brothers and sisters in Christ a critique of the event.

At the start of the court proceedings, I was very concerned that — yes — Mr. and Mrs. Anonymous ought to be able to override their daughter's right to consent to the medical procedure at hand. At the end of the day, my position had reversed — with some qualification.

Legalissue

The issue addressed by the court was whether a 16-yearold has the legal right to consent to a medical procedure which was approved by a committee of medical experts but disapproved by the parents. The parents, of course, disapproved of the medical procedure because it was an abortion, the killing of an unborn child. But, said the daughter's lawyer, "We can't allow ourselves to get muddled up with the abortion issue... That is not the issue."

As the arguments were forwarded for and against the 16-year-old's right to consent (as well as for and against her capacity to consent), I found myself thinking about those very real and sad situations wherein some parents actually attempt to withhold life-saving blood transfusions from their children, and I found myself shuddering at the implications of the case before me.

Consequently, with the court's arguments which addressed "the issue" (of consent), I concluded that allowing parents to become experts on medical procedures would set a dangerous precedent, which could very well prove fatal to certain children who required blood transfusions (i.e., Jehovah's Witness children). I therefore also concluded, reluctantly at first, that the 16-year-old girl did, in fact, have the right (and capacity) to consent.

Decision unsound

But, I quickly add, this is not to say that all 16-year-olds have the right to obtain an abortion, carte blanche, as the court and media have made it seem.

Although the court's legal argument concerning the girl's right to consent to medical treatment was valid, the fact remains that in arriving at its conclusion the court accepted as uncontested evidence the premise that a therapeutic abortion committee had properly and legally approved the abortion procedure. The actual evidence, however, shows that this premise is false.

Only when health threatened

According to Statistics Canada, 6,000-plus abortions are performed annually in Alberta. According to the Surgeon General of the United States, Dr. C. Everett Koop, the requirement of abortion is practically non-existent for those situations in which a mother's life is threatened ("Deception on Demand," Moody Monthly, May 1980). (Note: Dr. Koop also states in the same article that, "Abortions in the United States for rape, incest, to protect the life of the mother, or to void a defective fetus comprise less than five per cent of all abortions. The rest are performed for convenience.")

According to the President of the Alberta Medical Association, Dr. Richard Kennedy, the incidence of abortion for those situations in which a mother's health is seriously threatened accounts for fewer than five per cent of the total. ("Coat hanger vigil staged," Medicine Hat News, Nov. 21, 1986.) However, according to Section 251 of Canada's Criminal Code, abortion is legal only when a mother's life or health is threatened (by continued pregnancy).

Something is wrong

Obviously something is terribly wrong when 95 per cent

of 6,000-plus abortions do not meet the requirements of the Criminal Code yet have been approved by a therapeutic abortion committee. Obviously something is terribly wrong when a therapeutic abortion committee determines that a mother's life or health is threatened by continued pregnancy but after two months of legal proceedings and after two months of pregnancy — the mother's life and health are still intact (and able to withstand a 16-hour abortion).

Obviously something is terribly wrong when a therapeutic abortion committee approves the deliberate killing of an almost five-month-old pre-natal child when 15 years earlier, during a time of lesser medical sophistication, a Marcus Richardson of Cincinnati was successfully born 19 weeks and six days after the first day of his mother's last menstrual period, only 18 weeks after conception! Obviously something is terribly wrong when a court of justice bases its decision on a false premise and an innocent child is brutally killed as a result!

In observing the court proceedings in Medicine Hat I found that the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. X may quite correctly have the right to consent to a medical procedure. I found too, however, that she and a host of other girls and women do not necessarily have the right to an abortion.

Hank van der Breggen lives in Medicine Hat, Alberta.

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Dog power

"... Pietje could not master his dog. If he wanted the animal to turn left, the dog had the opposite corner in mind and just pulled his master along."

Pietje Rimmelrice had a dog. Now I must warn the reader about the fact that the dog was huge and that the real name of the gentleman was unknown to my brothers and me. He was talf and thin, and we just thought that Pietje Rimmelrice was a fitting name for the man. He lived a few blocks from us, but what he did for a living, we did not know.

We had come across Pietje several times, since on occasion he would come to our house to give us falsified coupons that were good for the buying of shoes and clothing when World War II was at its peak. We suspected that he was an illegal worker of sorts. We fantasized about raids on German outposts that he must have been involved in. Be that as it may, Pietje did not look like a hero. For one thing, he could not master his dog. If he wanted the animal to turn left, the dog had the opposite corner in mind and just pulled his master along. I'm sure that the two went home after their daily stroll only when the dog had made up his mind that that was the thing to do. Watching Mr. Rimmelrice in those daily, lost struggles was something to which we looked forward.

When the war was over, we discovered Pietje's true identity and, most assuredly, he had been much more than an illegal worker. That made me wonder about those battles with his dog. He was a loser. He had no control over the canine and was practically at the animal's mercy.

Our friend's daily struggles made me think of what the apostle Paul confessed when he said, "For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do." Mr. Rimmelrice never broke his association with his dog. Had he done so, he could, so to speak, "do the good he wanted to."

Our problem is that we continue to associate with sin itself. Because we do, we are pulled into directions that we really do not want to go. Rest assured that the gentleman of this story continued to keep his dog because he loved the animal. When we look deep into our own hearts, we must admit that our relationship with that which is sinful is often based on our love of it as well.

Remarkable, isn't it? A picture of what happened down the street in my childhood may well serve as an apt sermon. The story of the man and the dog showed me that I need a lot of forgiveness and a great deal of grace.

William Rung is principal of the Christian school in Dunaville, Ontario.

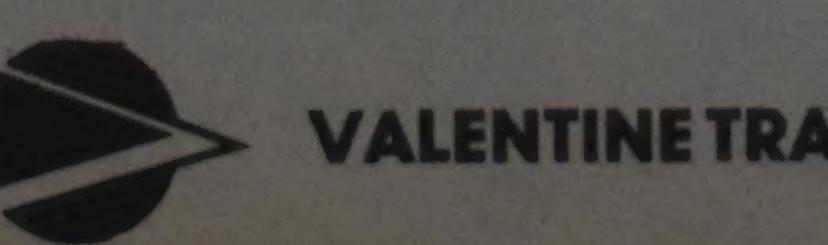
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"Nurturing spirituality: where it begins"

Kenneth Baker

Last week I began with a plea that "nurturing spirituality" should be one of the important items on the Reformed agenda for this new year. I defined spirituality as "consciously and deliberately living the new life in Christ under the dominion of the Holy Spirit."

This week a few words about where the nurturing of such spirituality begins. I hope it is obvious that WHERE the nurturing begins is with you and me: NOT with the reforming or renewing of North American society or of the church at large. Please note that I am not playing so-called "personal piety" off against "kingdom activity." Biblically speaking, there is only one kind of piety (or "spirituality"): the piety of God's covenant people who walk with Him and live under His rule in every nook and cranny of life.

When I say that nurturing spirituality begins with you and me, I simply mean that the drive and catalyst for living the new life under the Spirit's leading must begin with the renewal of your heart and mine. I realize that such renewal only takes place in the context of the body of Christ — in that community of people-made-new where we stir one another up to love and good works and where we ceaselessly and prayerfully encourage one another to walk by the Spirit. But as a member of that body, if I am to "consciously" and "deliberately" live the new life in step with the Spirit, then I must desire (within myself) to be "filled with the Spirit." (Ephesians 5:18)

Where the nurturing of spirituality begins is on our knees, praying, "Lord, I want every part of my life to be shaped by your Spirit and Word — NOT by the spirits and false gospels of our day."

(Next week: "Nurturing spirituality: How to begin")

Rev. Baker is postor of Immanuel Christian Reformed Church in Hamilton, Ontario.

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Literature evangelization outreach in Calcutta

Several Christian agencies are linking arms to undertake a major three-year long evangelistic outreach to India's largest city. Launched on Nov, 2 of last year, the project, Calcutta, We Care, will conclude on Oct. 31, 1989.

It will involve distribution of three-million copies of a 32-page gospel booklet. Since Calcutta is home to people of many ethnic and linguistic backgrounds, the booklet will be printed in 11 different languages. Each home in the sprawling metropolis will be visited in a systematic visitation coverage.

The booklet is largely text from the New Testament with a clear gospel presentation. Included is a tear-off coupon to request a New Testament and enrolment in a free Bible correspondence course.

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International are co-operating
in providing the gospel
booklets to be used in the doorto-door distribution and the
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distribution of the literature to
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The ambitious evangelistic outreach poses a formidable challenge for Calcutta's small Christian community. The city, which has been described

as "the world's largest slum,"
has a population of more than
10-million — living in an area
designed to accommodate onemillion people. The population
is constantly changing. Twothirds of the residents live on
less than eight dollars monthly.

The number of professing
Christians in all of India is only
1.9 per cent of the nation's
population, but, although
Calcutta is the country's largest
city, the Christian community
here is even smaller than the
national average.

Evangelical Canadian publisher celebrates 25th anniversary

WHITBY, Ont. (SP) — Earl Swanson, President of Scripture Press Publications, Ltd., of Whitby, Ontario, was recently recognized on his 25th anniversary at Scripture Press. In 1961 Scripture Press Publications, Inc., Wheaton, Illinois, hired Mr. Swanson to start Scripture Press in Canada.

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The preacher thought for sure, as soon as he said, "Amen," that someone should overture to get his sermon in the canon.

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The killing of a church

Cecil E. Burridge

Numbers of churches, especially in rural areas and small communities are dying because of indifference. Many people say they are glad to see a church located in their town so they can use it when it is needed, but they do little or nothing to support it. Because of disinterest, in many instances, the church won't be there when it is needed.

505 people file claims in Rajneeshee poisoning case

THE DALLES, Ore. (EP) - A total of 505 people filed claims with a relief fund established for victims of crimes committed by followers of Indian guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh who took over the small town of Antelope, Oregon.

A total of \$287,000 (U.S.) is available for the victims, most of whom were poisoned during a 1984 salmonella outbreak allegedly instigated by Anand Sheela, the guru's secretary, and Anand Puja, head of Rajneesh Medical Corporation.

According to statements made in court, Sheela and Puja placed liquid salmonella bacteria on food in the salad bars of local restaurants, and on vegetables in the produce section of a grocery store. The 1984 poisonings were a strike at political opposition to the Rajneesh commune, and may have been an effort to keep opponents away from the polls during that year's election.

Sometimes church members themselves allow their church to die. That is not their intention, but their lack of concern brings on its death anyway. Some members, being self-centred, never learn how to make and keep friends.

Mrs. Stronheim was a widow who needed friends. Of Polish nationality, she had lived in Germany for 20 years prior to World War II. After the war she and her son moved to a small Quebec community where I pastored an equally small English-speaking church.

On my first Sunday, I was fortunate enough to meet the former minister who introduced me to this remarkable 86-year-old lady. He explained that Mrs. Stronheim regularly attended church even though she spoke only German and Polish, and that he and his wife (who spoke German, French and English) were the only friends she had in the community.

I spoke only English. Yet I was delighted to see the woman still attending church Sunday after Sunday. My customary "Good morning, Mrs. Stronheim," always brought a smile to her wrinkled face; and I could see her love for God shining from the depths of her inner being.

At her age, how easy it would have been to have stayed in bed on Sunday morning. How easy it would have been to find an excuse to miss church. How easy it would have been for her to stay home and enjoy a leisurely breakfast with her son. But this woman wanted to worship God and commune with Him in His house on His special day. She seldom missed a worship service.

Only one man in that congregation could speak Polish. Several others knew German, and occasionally someone would exchange a few words with her, but no one ever took the trouble of becoming her friend.

The lack of friendship did not keep the lady from worshipping. Although she

could not join in the hymns or repeat the prayers in English, it is certain that she could and did raise her heart to God in silent praise. Obviously, she did give Him her thanks for His love and goodness, and it is equally evident that she received His blessing.

But I believe a lack of friendliness did eventually kill that church. I ministered there for a year and moved on. The congregation was never able to find another minister. And when one considers the attitude of most of its members, it isn't hard to understand why God permitted those doors of His house to close.

This tale of Mrs. Stronheim might be called a human disinterest story because the poor woman was ignored Sunday after Sunday by everyone — except her God. Her friendship was never

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desired or sought by the church members.

Church and people thrive on friendship and love. If you want friends, be friendly. Indifference, unconcern, disinterest, coldness and unfriendly attitudes kill churches and friendships; and only Satan is pleased.

Mrs. Stronheim had the greatest Friend of all, and she is in heaven with Him. But her last years would have been much happier with a few more earthly friends.

Cecil Burridge is a semi-retired Presbyterian pastor living in Oro Station, Ontario.

Shall two walk together?

J.W. VandenBerg

For some time the Canadian Classes of the Reformed Church in America and the Christian Reformed Church have exchanged delegates at their meetings. Synods have encouraged pulpit exchanges and discussions at local levels. This has developed into an interest in Canada to meet, and share more formal discussions between the denominations.

A combined official

committee has met regularly for two years. In a very cooperative spirit of fellowship we shared our Canadian interests.

This committee is working on a joint council meeting for November 1987 at Camp Shalom.

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Margaret Griffioen, page editor

Thoughts on teacher/student relationships

Disciplining tor maturity

By a parent

What is discipline and what is it in a Christian school or home? What is our goal when we assign a task, such as an essay as a disciplinary measure?

At a recent workshop for church school teachers and leaders, the following definition was given:
Discipline corrects, moulds, strengthens and perfects an individual as he progresses through outer control to inner or self-control to control by the Holy Spirit. Discipline is done with and for an individual, never to him, so

that a change takes place within and helps him mature in Christ.

Now I am no expert on discipline, but keeping those goals in mind certainly made me think twice before I disciplined a boisterous catechumen or our own children! Love, sensitivity and common sense play a large part in assigning disciplinary tasks, for we all know that one form of discipline works well for one child, but not for the other. I also realize it is a difficult task for teacher and parent to accomplish the above.

Now concerning essay writing as discipline. Writing, to me, is a creative gift, to be nurtured in our children, so they will learn to express themselves clearly. If it is used as a punishment, doesn't that dull that creativity, making writing a negative influence rather than a positive one in the student's life?

Quite often, in order to quickly finish the task, the child will fill the page with pious statements and texts "because that's what the teacher wants." If he/she doesn't mean it, we are teaching them to distort the truth. Also, if the essay written is not checked for neatness, content and grammar, then we teach the child that disciplinary measures do not have to be taken seriously, as long as it is finished.

I also feel if a detention is given at school, that's where it should be completed. If the student has to stay in every noon hour for a few days to finish the essay, for example, it will be more of a deterrent, than if he can take it home and finish it in an hour after supper.

We, as parents and teachers, know that consistency is a very important aspect of discipline and the most difficult to achieve. But if our children — and in school, the students — know that we always mean what we say and see it through, that our "no" is "no" and our "yes" is "yes," we will have gained their trust, also in the area of discipline.

Let's together as parents and

Let's together as parents and teachers, talk about these concerns and help our children mature in Christ, both at school and at home.

The Link, December 1986, Clinton (Ont.) and District Christian School,

Stemming the tide of "guff"

For those of us who do not remember, it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of an anxious teacher in a strange classroom. Especially when several things happen in classrooms, such as having your ignorance exposed by a wrong answer to an easy question, being laughed at for being clumsy and stumbling over your own feet in Phys. Ed. or being whispered about for wearing old, out-of-style hand-me-downs, or being trimmed down for breaking a rule you really haven't heard or understood, or being slandered by a heartless teacher.

Probably half of the guff kids lay on us stems from fear, and is really a defensive reaction which wouldn't be necessary if they didn't feel threatened.

Let us learn the art of sealing kid's defensive walls with the hands and feet of love. If we will touch the inner lives of the empty, the weary and the lonely kids in our classrooms, we will have contributed immensely to the peace in the classroom and on the playground.

There's no better way to a kid's mind than through his heart.

Our prayer for today and all the days should be: Teach me the truth that perfect love casts out fear and let your love shine in our classroom through us.

William Slofstra, Medicine Hat (Alta.) Chr. School

-Student Activity-

Famous sayings

Half of the statements below are found in God's Word. Do you know which are from the Bible and which are not? Put yes or no beside each number. The answers are below.

- 1. The devil makes work for idle hands.
- 2. I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.
- 3. They also serve who only stand and wait.
- 4. Cleanliness is next to godliness.
- 5. Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days.
- 6. A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.
- 7. Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.
- 8. Thou shalt share with one another.
- 9. This book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this book.
- 10. The family that prays together stays together.
- 11. Bear ye one another's burdens.
- 12. It is more blessed to give than to receive.
- 13. Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee.
- 14. Man is born unto-trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

Answers to puzzle

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Knox Observer/October 1986. Knox Christian School, Bowmanville, Ontario.

Advantages at the learning spot

The Learning Spot is a small group situation in which a teacher can work with just one pupil or at the most four children. Reading is the top priority and we concentrate on the primary grades to ensure that all our pupils are able to read. Children should be encouraged to read many books at their level which means that they are interested in the stories and are able to read most of the words. In the Learning Spot the children read the stories or ally and when they come to a difficult word they may be asked to sound it out or are immediately told what the word is. These children need this 10 or 15 minutes of daily reading on a one-to-one basis. They are also encouraged to talk things out and express their own feelings. In a classroom situation many children will just sit back and are not learning to listen or read because they find it difficult to pay attention.

The children begin printing

grades, but we usually concentrate on these skills in the junior and senior grades. We encourage each child to write creatively and to put his or her thoughts down on paper without getting bogged down on spelling. Then when the story is completed, we work on spelling, sentence structure and grammar.

There are many little sidelines that the children know I'm interested in. We'll often talk about trucks for learning the addition and multiplication facts. And then there is often just the personal talk that goes on between individuals.

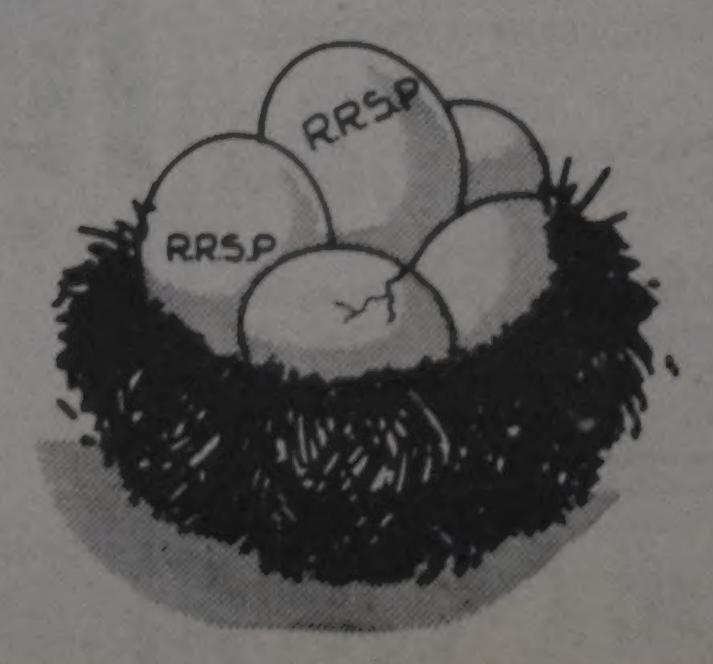
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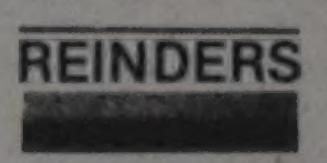
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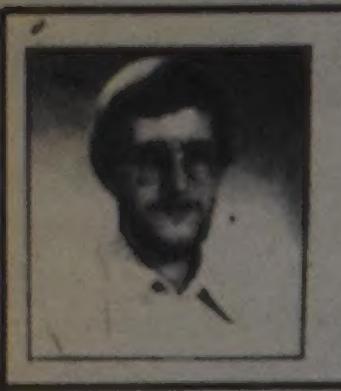
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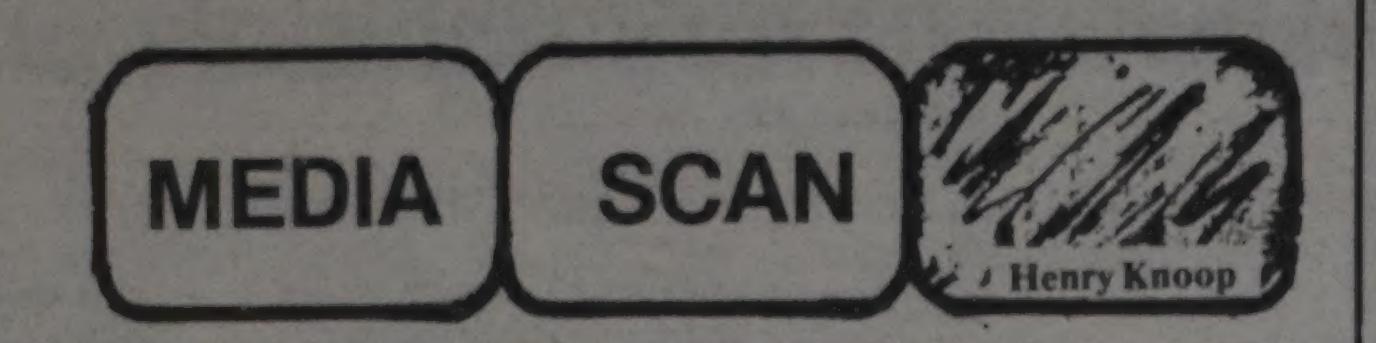
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Entertainment





The Cosby alternative

Bill Cosby is reputed to have said that he wanted to make a television series because he was dissatisfied with what was being offered for family entertainment. Judging by the popularity and success of "The Cosby Show," his assessment of the need for good quality entertainment was shared by many other viewers.

Cosby's success has been nothing short of remarkable. There are not many programs that can cause a half hour delay of a World Series baseball game, but that's exactly what "the Cosby Show" did last fall in the final series between the Astros and the Mets. What is there about the show that makes it so popular and gives it such clout?

The program is carefully designed and crafted. The makeup of the Cosby "family"—Dr. Cliff Huxtable, his wife Clare, a daughter away at college, high school and junior high daughters Denise and Vanessa, son Theo, and little Rudy—is designed to appeal to all ages of viewers. Younger children identify with Rudy, girls with Vanessa or Denise, boys with Theo, and parents with Cliff and Clare. A typical program shifts the focus back and forth among different family members, each involved in his or her own little drama, thus holding the attention of all audience ages.

The family issues are generally commonplace—a snake in the basement, or Cliff's eating habits. No far-fetched plot developments, just down-to-earth, real life situations every family can identify with.

The program portrays a modern family in tune with the latest expressions, fads and lifestyle. For example, the girls are into the latest "funky" dress — borrowed from father's closet; Theo's girlfriend is "IT" — she's got "IT." Clare and Cliff are hardly old-fashioned and out of touch with their children's world. On the contrary, they understand their children's concerns and interests. They are urban, upper middle-class, socially and culturally aware.

At the same time, however, the "modernism" of their family lifestyle does not sacrifice "traditional" family values. In a society where single-parent families are becoming more and more the norm, Cosby's television family reaffirms the normativity of a mother and father sharing parenting duties.

Children in the Huxtable home are never a burden; rather they are joys in their parents' lives and the mutual love and encouragement among family members attests to a strong nurturing environment. Grandparents and other relatives often make appearances to testify to the necessity of extended family ties.

Cliff and Clare role model as understanding parents who take the time to listen to their children, keep in touch with their individual needs, and respond in true concern. When little Rudy expresses fear about going overnight to visit Grandma and grandpa, her father takes her concerns seriously and deals with them. And when Theo says he would rather spend time with his girlfriend than at home with his father, Cliff understands. When his daughters borrow his clothes, Cliff accepts it as part of the latest fashion craze.

Understanding does not mean that the parents become pushovers for the children. When Theo suggests that his dad buy some "near beer" for their first Huxtable Men's Club meeting so that he can imitate what grown men do, Cliff gives him a look — as only Cosby can — to suggest, "Why would we want to imitate that?!"

The children themselves are models of positive, upbuilding respect and love for each other. As normal kids, they have their spats and arguments, but never seriously put each other down. More often they have fun together, as when Denise offers to take Vanessa along with her for an evening, much to Vanessa's surprise and delight. Rudy is genuinely loved by brother and sisters alike.

Likewise Cliff and Clare demonstrate a healthy marriage, complete with squabbles—such as the one over Cliff's eating habits—and moments of intimate love and expressed affection, often leading to the bedroom.

Viewers cannot help but be taken in by the Huxtable family, for they represent what every family wishes to be: strong in commitment to each other, warm and loving in their treatment of each other. "The Cosby Show" is not perfect. As with most of television's programming, it too suffers from secularization, never acknowledging Christ as the foundation of family life. But as an alternative to other prime time programs, it demonstrates many biblical truths for marriage and family life. For that, the Cosby alternative deserves to be applauded.

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Urban film evangelization planned for Peru

LIMA, Peru (WEIS) -- The Peruvian Evangelical Church and Sudan Interior Mission (SIM) International are cooperating in launching an imaginative evangelistic ministry to reach the growing urban population of the nation. Two fully-equipped Cine-vans will ultimately be involved in a program of regularly scheduled showings of gospel films at designated sites across the capital city of Lima and the large southern city of Arequipa.

The Cine-van project is modelled after the program which SIM International is conducting in the African nation of Ghana where

thousands have been converted through that outreach.
Lima now has an estimated population of six-million, and the population of Arequipa is about 1.25-million.

Both cities have rapidly expanding neighbourhoods with inadequate housing, water and sanitation. Evangelical leaders feel that the urban newcomers and the growing number of young people will be receptive to the gospel and to its presentation through quality Christian films.

Local churches and
Christians will be enlisted in the project. Follow-up will constitute an essential component of the Cine-van

ministry. Those who profess faith in Christ or indicate interest in further inquiry will be referred to evangelical churches.

The vehicles used in the ministry will be equipped with films, scriptures and Christian literature. The program, at the outset, will be directed by trained missionary staff, but Christian nationals will be involved and will be equipped eventually to take over its operation.

Cinema summaries

Marian Van Til

The Mission

Rated AA

Stars Jeremy Irons, Robert De Niro

Directed by Roland Joffe'

The Mission is an unusual commercial film — Hollywood has seldom been interested in "religious" themes unless it could turn them into myth-like epics or romantic mush. But Warner Brothers has seemingly allowed producers Fernando Ghia and David Puttnam (Chariots of Fire), writer Robert Bolt (Dr. Zhivago, A Man for All Seasons), and director Joffe' (The Killing Fields) a free hand in bringing to the screen the historical faith/church/state struggle between eighteenth-century Jesuits and their missions to the Guarani Indians in South America, the Roman Catholic hierarchy in Europe, and the governments of Spain and Portugal at that time.

For 300 years the Spanish and Portuguese empires in what are now Argentina and Columbia had attracted ambitious settlers, adventurers, expatriot criminals and slave traders who satisfied the needs of Portuguese plantation owners. Though Spain had outlawed slavery, Portugal had not, and merchants and politicians from both countries ignored justice



because it just wasn't profitable.

Enter the Jesuits who established thriving, self-supporting Indian mission-plantations which competed economically and culturally with the commercial plantations.

In 1750, the Treaty of Madrid adjusted the boundaries of the Spanish and Portuguese empires, ceding Spanish land containing seven Jesuit/Indian missions to Portugal. To ensure its continued power, wealth, prestige (and governmental favour towards the Jesuits in Europe), the Roman Catholic Church decided to capitulate to Portugal, demanding that its own missions be forfeited and the missionaries withdraw.

The film's two central characters, Father Gabriel and converted slave trader-turned-Jesuit Rodrigo Mendoza, do not compromise their faith by following their church's orders. Gabriel chooses to resist peacably. Mendoza decides that justice requires the use of the sword; the heartrending results are the same.

The filmmakers, however admirable their aspirations, are unable to escape presenting these 18th-century missionaries in the hue of a well-intended but secular 20th-century philosophy. One wonders, at times, whether they really understood the spiritual motivation of their protagonists — the Jesuits' willingness to die for the gospel of Christ, and not just for noble concepts (love, justice) and equally "noble" people (a formerly savage race less fortunate than they).

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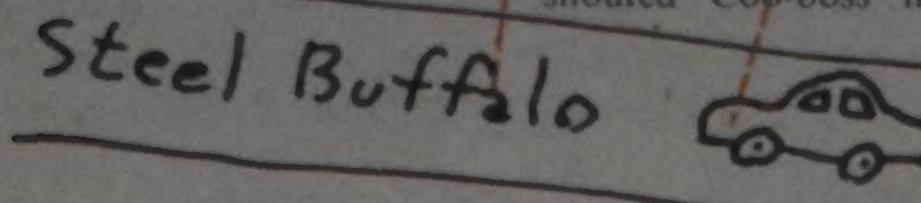
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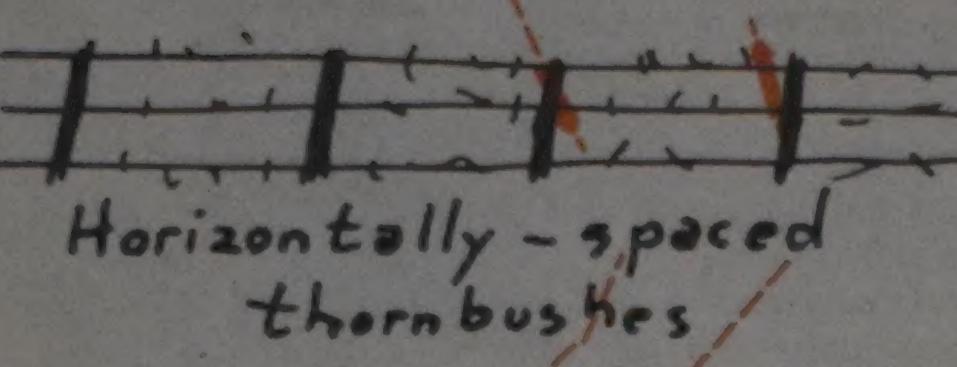
The mighty Kurtawonka and the dangerous hasen

One day in the MOON of NOTHING DOING, I, mighty Kurtawonka, roused myself from my comfortable lodgeskins thinking of great deeds to do. I felt a little lazy. but when my fearsome woman, She-Who-Cleans-the-Back-Room, began her labours, my desire to do great deeds intensified.

I dressed myself in the time-

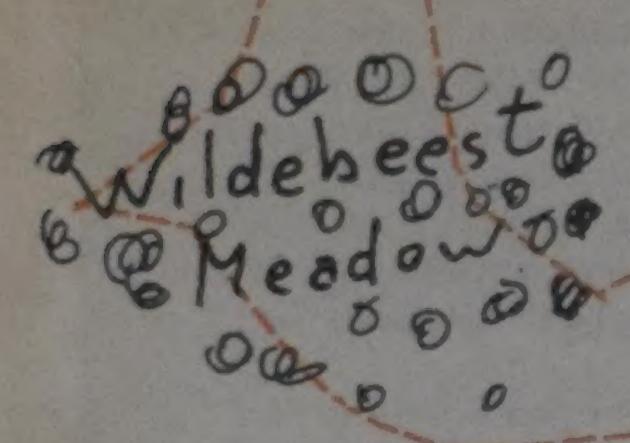
meadow, when I was surrounded by a herd of savage Black-and-White Wildebeests which must have migrated from the wilderness of Schleswig Holstein, Burno fear: a mighty shout of "Get the @#\$ % \$&\$#! out of here" - a magical Smithereen curse soon dispersed the herd, which then began to charge another warrior who forgot my magical incantation and shouted "Coo-boss" instead.





honoured way - one foot at a time — in our best native footwear - bought from McLeod's, a northern tribe with aboriginal hunting rights. near Edinborough I took with me my hand-crafted weapon, first presented to me by my valiant father -- He-whodrinks-Budweiser - many moons ago.

First, I carefully havigated the Road-of-the-steel-buffalo,



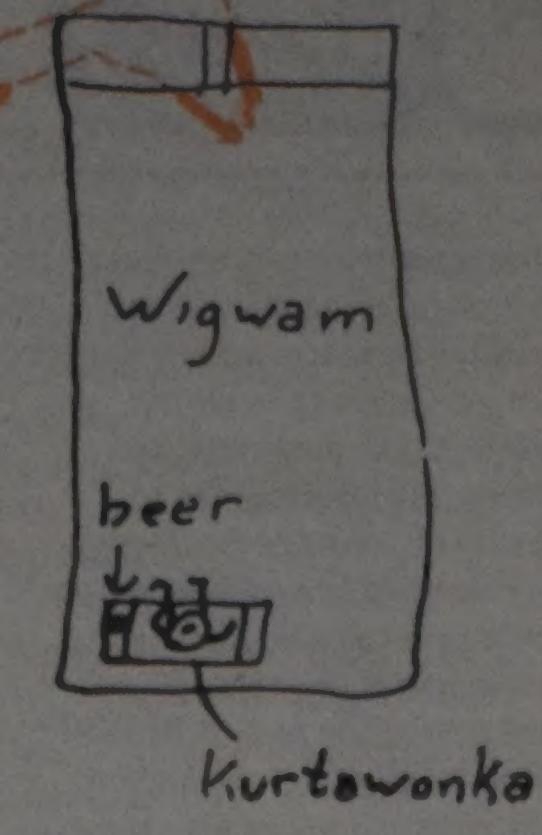
narrowly missing death at the hands of a stampeding Datsun, a loathsome beast. Then, I narrowly avoided disaster while crossing a hedge of Horizontally-spaced-thornbushes. Soon, I was walking with giant strides (such as few make anymore) through a

Soon I entered the forest primeval in the midst of a blizzard that would have frightened any normal mortal. Unslinging my weapon which has slain 22 caliber magnums in its time - I proceeded into the realm of the dreaded hasen.

Oh, if the pampered braves of the southland only knew of the dangers I normally face the hasen are ready to pounce upon any hunter less alert than 1. While I struggle through deep drifts up to my toes - yea, even up to my ankles - the hasen spring lightly over the fluff, ready to attack any moment, gazing from their places of ambush with ears perked, fangs at the ready, and with a falsely innocent gaze.

I planned my strategy. Surrounded by a hedge of the Horizontally-spaced-thorns, I meandered through the thick forest, a vast expanse nearly impossible to imagine almost 600 mighty-hunterpaces long and 400 wide. My approach was calculated to

Dear Peter, Jeff and Rudi, Here is a tale from the northwoods, as told by the mighty Kurtawonka himself.



confuse the fearsome beasts. What seemed aimless was actually part of my plan.

It worked. After an hour or so, I discovered that not only was my plan working to make my pursuit of the hasen successful, but it had also confused an enemy warrior whose tracks I cut many times. This was a deadly enemy: he was so clever that he tried to trick me by wearing the same size boots I had (even the same tread) and by discarding his smoking materials just where I had mine.

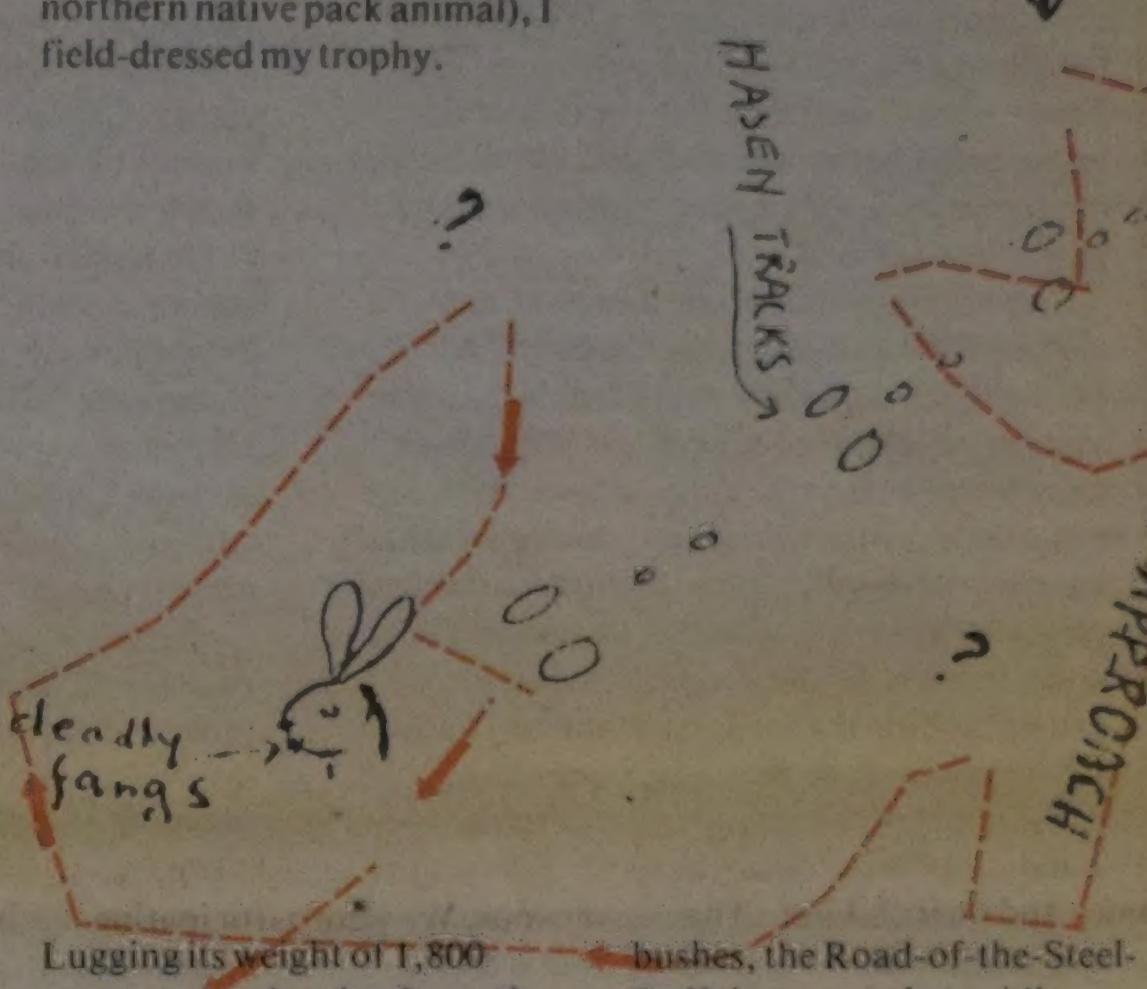
Two hours of ingenious maneuvers soon left him behind, however. My final, brilliant ploy then lost him for good - backtracked HIM! Thinking he had alerted all the deadly hasen and made my ordinary skill useless, I used a little known technique: 1 wandered through an area devoid of hasen-tracks,

smoking, breaking branches and muttering the ancient chant, "Where-the-heck-am-1?" It paid off. I soon spotted a movement and saw it: a maneating hasen waiting to ambush me. I used my weapon with the best of my skill and made an impossible (for ordinary warriors) shot at the unheardof distance of 3,500 millimeters!!! Although the beast thrashed about with his terrible claws, I was not sore afraid, but so dispatched him. Disdaining the sending of a pack-train of sturdy ski-doos (a northern native pack animal), I

hunting chant to confuse the hasen -- "Hooray-I-Got-a-Blind-One!"

Then it happened! I cut a fresh hasen track. Pretending to be a poor tracker, I soon spotted a hasen cowering in fear before my prowess. Needless to say, it met the same fate as its brother did.

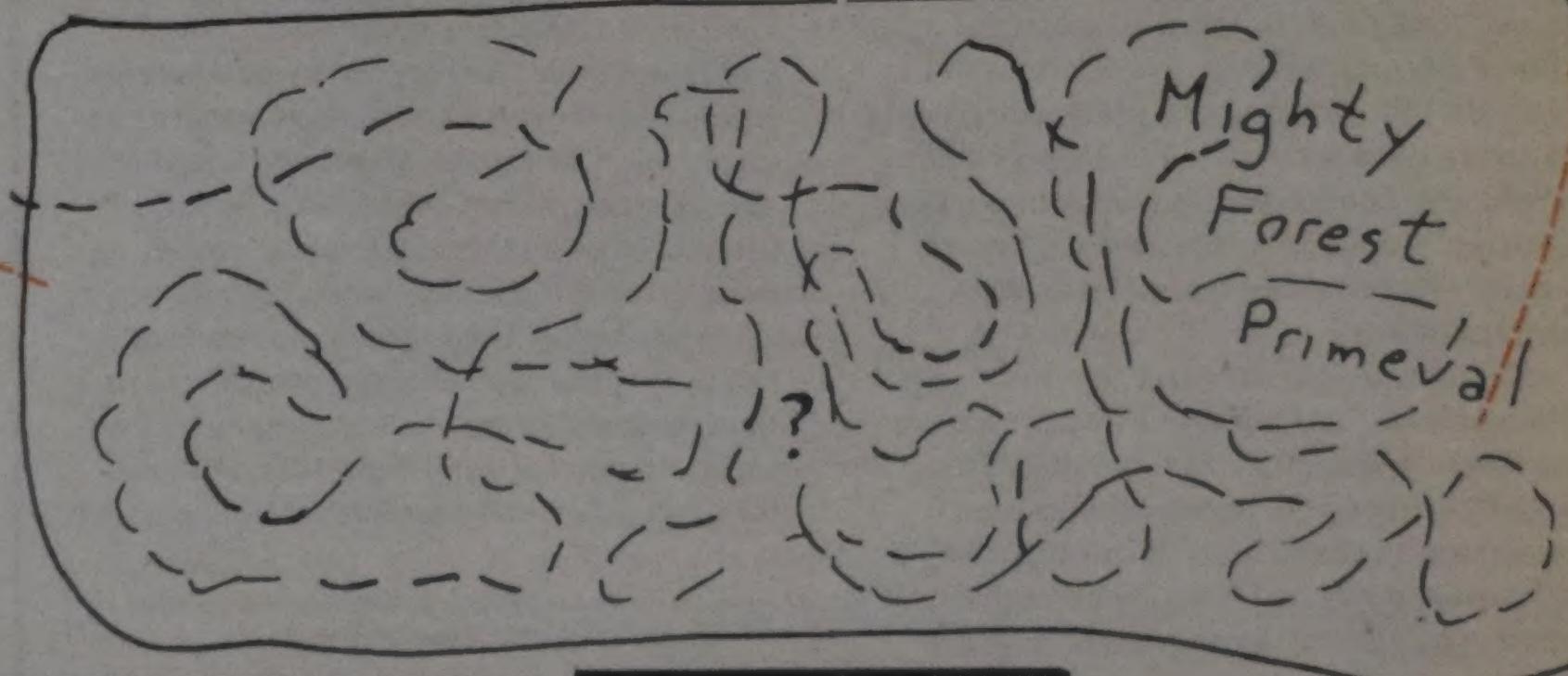
Proceeding as before, I fielddressed the game and then, burdened by almost 4,000 grams of game, I crossed the Field-of-the-Wildebeest, the Horizontally-spaced-thorn-



Lugging its weight of 1,800 grams was no burden for such a strong brave as I.

I headed out of the forest, still tracking my unseen enemy, using another old native

Buffalo (narrowly avoiding being trampled by a herd of fearsome Fords) and re-entered my wigwam where my woman, also known as She-Who-Buys-



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the-Beer, handed me one, saying the old medicine chant, "Who-wants-to-eat-thosethings-anyway?" at which point I removed to my ancestral bench and composed this epistle, hoping you younger warriors may be inspired to copy the skills of your noble clansman and elder,

Kurtawonka

Kurtuwonko is in reality Curt Gesh, tember of English in Smithers, B.C. He wrote this story on Dec. 30, 1986 (in the moon-ofnothing-denny for teachers) for his nephews.

Feature

Domestic violence and the Christian

Marianne Kuilenburg

In a time when "Women in Office" and other related issues has a been in such debute in almost all denominations in recent years, I would like to take a fresh look at women, why we were created, what happened to both men and women after the fall, as well as the restoration Jesus has brought.

In the beginning, from creation until their sin, Adam and Eve together found their identity in God, their roots were in Him. He created them, they found in Him their full identity as human beings, and

they had an intimate and personal relationship with Him. From scripture it is evident that God created Adam with the function of headship and responsibility. Satan knew this as well and decided to

immediately violate God's order by approaching Eve. He also knew that Eve was created with a sharp emotional discernment, which, if challenged through the area of vanity, was also her greatest area of vulnerability. This is exactly what happened.

False identities

Eve was challenged to find her identity in herself rather than in God. The tree became attractive to meet her own needs. Satan acted on her desire (good for food — physical, pleasing to the eye — emotional, wisdom — spiritual). To ease her guilt she shared with her husband. We

authoritarian, which was not God's way. Praise God that Jesus has broken the power of these judgments, so that for both men and women identity in God is restored and they both find fulfilment in serving Him.



Anguish at midnight

A volunteer describes how she helps victims of violence seek shelter

Cathy Pater

My sleep was shattered by the shrill ringing of the telephone just before midnight. A call at this time of the night instantly infuses a sense of foreboding.

Hesitantly, I picked up the phone. The caller was a volunteer from the Rural Women's Shelter for abused women who was handling an emergency call from a victim.

The shelter, which is located out of town, consists of a network of volunteers who provide transportation and emotional support for battered women and their children. The shelter is specifically set up and designed for women in crises.

I was asked if I would drive a woman and her children, who had been subjected to violence, to the protection of the shelter. I answered rather curtly, "now?" I knew that question wasn't the expected response as I was on call that night, but I was rather annoyed to be awakened and taken from the comfort of my sleep and bed.

The caller was very patient and did not seem at all upset with me. She said that it it manded me better, she would call another volunteer.

At this point I felt extremely ashamed of my reaction, realizing the anguish and desperation the victim in question must be going through.

lagreed to transport her and we made the usual arrangements for me to meet the victim at a designated spot only known to the drivers and other volunteers. The victim would be picked up by taxi.

Volunteers never drive to the ource of the violence. In doing so, they would be exposed to a possible personal injury both physical and emotional. I herefore, either a taxitakes he victim to an agreed upon rick-up spot, or a police escort s provided to transport the ibused woman. In order for the axidriver and his charge to properly identify the volunteer, the volunteer will have described her car or the colour of her clothing to the caller from the shelter, who in turn

calls back the victim to confirm time and place of pick-up. A taxi is also called then, provided with the necessary information and asked to pickup the battered woman and drive her to the spot already agreed upon.

Once I had hung up I took a few minutes to collect my thoughts. I had been told that the woman in question was very upset, which is understandable in such situations. I told myself not to become emotionally affected, a guideline we had been advised to follow during workshop sessions. We were participating as drivers and were playing only a small but important part in a much larger and complex organization to provide shelter and immediate relief for abused women and their children.

I drove to the designated spot and waited. At night our town is transformed into a scene of tranquility objectively. During the day we town folks, like city folks, are driven by a relentless hurry to be going somewhere whether on foot or by car, We can only stop to chat for a few minutes as other commitments crowd into our already busy schedule for the day. Drivers display their usual outbursts of impatience as delivery trucks block the usual flow of traffic. It is indeed a hive of busyness. The night, however, disperses our madness into a scene of peaceful seremity.

I felt quite relaxed now and quite able to handle the forthcoming situation. I watched in my rearview mirror. I he taxi would come from that direction.

The darkness only gave way to the headlights of a few solitary cars that sped past me into the darkness again. Their destination a certainty. Finally, a set of lights slowed down and pulled up ahead of me. I told myself to stay aloof. The cab driver carried her few meagre belongings stuffed into a green plastic garbage bag. I jumped into action and opened the trunk. Then as I helped the mother and her children from the taxt, the light from a nearby

streetlamp exposed the anxiety, fear and uncertainty of a mother with her brood huddled about her for comfort. Tears sprang to my eyes and I could feel a lump in my throat.

I was glad it was dark. We set off into the night to a destination and future completely unknown to this little family.

The mother covered her face with her hands and cried out desperately, saying she couldn't believe it was happening to her. My heart went out to her. She proceeded to tell me how badly she felt for her husband when he would return home, and his family would be gone. After the actual violence, he had left. It was at this time the woman had decided to call the toll free number for abused women as a last resort to save herself and her children from a life of anguished abuse.

The home where I took the family is known only to the volunteers; therefore, the abuser cannot locate a battered partner. Many times victims are afraid to step out of the home, to step out of a sheltered environment for fear of being recognized.

Idon't know the name of the victim. She doesn't know my name either or where I live. It doesn't matter. What I did is only a small contribution amongst other contributions by many volunteets who provide the shelter so desperately needed from an abusive partner.

I drove home through the lonely night and back to the comfort of a loving home and warm bed. I had done my part, but I could never again remain aloof and emotionless during the heart-rending separation of a family from the known into the unknown.

And somewhere a father coming home to an empty house, himself eries out in anguish as he realizes the hurt he has inflicted upon his family.

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follow the down-hill path in Genesis 3:7 where self-consciousness sets in, there came an awareness of sin, with condemnation, guilt, fear, shame. Then followed a desperate attempt to cover up: from one another by sewing fig leaves, and from God by hiding among the trees.

Mankind has been following this same pattern ever since.
God went out to look for Adam and Eve, not to punish, but as a loving Father who was hurt by His children's disobedience.
They heard God call but were afraid. God went to Adam, to whom He had given the responsibility, but Adam first blames Eve, then God, then circumstances: "The woman you gave me..."

God places His judgment on them, which has been humanity's inheritance ever since. Eve was to be ruled by her husband and he would be the basis of her identity. Adam had to work to survive and his work would become the basis of his identity. God intended him to be a leader (going fast, giving example, etc.) instead he became a ruler, a boss,

Escape from violence

However, the world is still under the judgment of God and nowhere is this more evident than in Women's Shelters all over the country. Daily, hundreds of women are escaping from situations which reflect this judgment in their relationships. They escape from men who feel they "own" their wives and can treat them as they wish; men who find their fulfilment in their work and totally ignore their wives, or, if unemployed, discover total devastation because of lack of work and use their wives as a "scapegoat" for their frustration. These women feel their value as women rests in how well they please their husbands, and if they are mistreated, are completely shattered, having no personal identity or self-worth.

Christians reflect the new order that Jesus brought in, that is, the restoration of the original order God intended for Adam and Eve. The world is looking for models and the rise of the feminist movement has come

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The agency began a quartercentury ago primarily as a worldwide disaster-response agency of the Christian Reformed Church (CRC). It has become an internationally respected organization that focuses on developing people's abilities and resources to meet their own needs.

The anniversary theme — 25 Years of Heart, Hands, Hope -captures CRWRC's purpose: in heartfelt love and compassion to put hands to work helping the needy, that they may find hope in Jesus as Saviour.

Historical review

In its early years, CRWRC provided material and medical relief to Cuban refugees and Korean war victims. A 10-year sponsorship of the Christian Adoption Program of Korea (CAPOK) led to CAPOK's becoming the in-country adoption agency of Holi Children's Services of Korea.

CRWRC's development programs are now active in 22 Third World countries. Canada and the United States.



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without making them

In Bangladesh, one of 24 countries where CRWRC development programs help the poor, project director Peter Vanderkooy (right) and national staff observe the results of a farmer's learning and using hetter agricultural techniques

During 1986 43, 270 families in Africa, Asia and the Americas benefited from CRWRC projects in agriculture, health, literacy, income earning and community- and churchleadership training. In North America 1.845 families devastated by hurricanes, tornadoes and floods recovered with CRWRC's funding and volunteer help. In addition, CRWRC money grants through other Christian agencies aided many families abroad who endured natural calamities.

John DeHaan, CRWRC's director since 1977, says;

for the past four years. CHAL began with its files in a shocbox; it now plans to promote preventive health care in 375 Liberian communities. In 1986, CRWRC did its

work with 85 staff members. nearly 1,000 volunteers, and a \$6-million budget raised

through voluntary contributions.

Looking forward to the next 25 years, CRWRC sees a shirt in focus from owning and operating programs to strengthening local Christian ageneres to address community needs.

Domestic violence and the Christian

... continued from page 11. out of this search as an alternative for women who knew that what they experience was wrong but did not have a solution.

True identity

A Christian woman must see herself as valuable before God as an individual, not as "soand-so's wife," only then is she able to be the helpmate for her husband that God intended. A single woman should see her identity in God, not in the man she hasn't got.

Christian men must reflect the "new order" in their relationship to their wives and to women in general. They need to recognize that wives are God's gift to them as "completers," who have a sensitivity and discernment which adds to

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their husband's logical and orderly minds a wider dimension which is vital to their decision making. As husbands men are responsible to see that their wives find their security, identity and recognition in Jesus, not in their husbands. A man must also view his work differently, as a source of provision and a service of God. but not as a source of identity and pride. True worth and identity come only in Jesus Christ.

Marriage as idol

Marriage is the vehicle God intended for the enrichment of the lives of the man and woman in that marriage. When the marriage relationship becomes more important than the individuals in that marriage, then marriage as an institution has become an idol, which is not honouring to God.

It is precisely at this point that many pastors and Christian counsellors have been criticized. Many women, married to violent and abusive husbands are counselled to stay in such situations for many years, experiencing extreme degradation to their body as well as the spirits, with the mistaken belief that God holds their marriage in higher esteem than their value as people. This idea is refuted in scripture in the book of Ezra (chapters 9 and 10), where God placed the purity and holiness of the people of Israel as more important and those men in mixed marriages left their heathen wives to honour the Lord.

All this may seem rather controversial, but I believe what I have written above needed to be said, having spent almost four years working in women's shelter and having wept, agonized and struggled in prayer over the constant stream of women who have poured out their heart-breaking stories, almost all fitting into the patterns mentioned.

There is a world out there looking for answers. Jesus has given us a new order. We as Christians need to make sure we reflect it.

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BOOTSMA: Thankful to the Lord who heard our prayers and made all things well, we received the wonderful news from our children, Harvey and Melinda Bootsma that they were blessed with a healthy daughter, CLARISSA DONALDA born in Malawi, Africa, January 16, 1987. First grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bootsma of Dundas and third grandchild for Dr. and Mrs. Jan Oosterhuis of London. First great-grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. H. Bootsma of Hamilton and another great-grandchild for Mrs. Mulder of Grimsby and Mr. Borthistle of Winnipeg.

P.O. Box 48, Monkey Bay, Malawi, Africa.

BOSGRAAF: Richard and Wilma (nee Mulder) are pleased to announce the safe arrival of our first child, a boy, BRANDON KYLE, born January 8 at 4:17 p.m., weighing in at 7 lb., 13 oz. Proud first time grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henk Mulder, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bosgraaf, Niagara Falls. Also first-time great-grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bosgraaf, Ridgeville and Mr. and Mrs. Art Meinema, Michigan; 20th great-grandchild for Mrs. S. Mulder-Bajema, Koudum.

Home address: 2999 St. Andrew Ave., Niagara Falls, ON L2J 2R5

DROST: With thanks to the Lord John and Linda wish to announce the birth of their son KYLE RALPH, on January 7, 1987, weighing 10 lbs. 11/2 oz. Kyle is a new brother for Angela, Dianne and Julie, and another grandson for Mr. and Mrs. K.R. Drost of Listowel, Ont., and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hoftyzer of Moorefield, Ont. R R.#3, Listowel, ON N4W 3G8

MAREES: A precious gift has been entrusted to us. With thanks to God, Joanne and Wayne Marees joyfully announce the birth of our first child, RUBEN PATRICK, born December 10, 1986 Ruben is the third grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Kees and Ann Vandriel and the first grandchild of Mr. Jan Marees and Mrs. Joan Marces. He is the 23rd great grandenild of Mis. B. Kastelein

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Anniversaries

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CHESTER and TERRIE BAARDA (nee Wyma)

Thanks be to God for His guidance, strength and blessings during their lives together.

We pray that God and His Word will continue to be the lamp for their feet and light for their path in the years to come.

Love from their children:

Marilyn & Cliff VanderPloeg -Kitchener, Ont.

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Nancy Kevin

Home address: P.O. Box 1559. Oliver, B.C. VOH 1TO

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HENRY and BRENDA DEJONGE (nee Huinink)

Your children and grandchildren salute you:

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Bernard "Hank" & Nell De Jonge; Sara, David, Jessica, Rhoda -Ancaster, Ont.

Jerry & Mary De Jonge; Barb, Robert - Jarvis, Ont.

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Home address: 311 Riddell St., Woodstock, N4S 6N8; telephone: (519) 539-7190.

1947 1987 February 12 We are happy to announce the 40th wedding anniversary of our parents.

JAN and TINE HEERSCHOP (nee Talsma)

We pray that the Lord will continue to strengthen and guide them in the years to come.

With love from your children and grandchildren:

Ben & Jane Vanderheyden - Newcastle

Henry & Ann Heerschop - Newtonville

Open house to be held at Emmanuel Ref. Church, Whitby, 401 Rossland Rd. W., on February 14 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Best wishes only, please.

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With love:

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"Take delight in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." (Psalm 37:4)

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"After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count ... standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. clothed in white, with palm branches in their hand." (Rev. 7:9,10)

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Anniversaries

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Obituaries

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." (Psalm 23:6)

The Lord took home to be with Him our dear husband, father and grandfather,

ALBERTJAN BREUKELMAN

on January 7, 1987, at the age of 77 years.

Beloved husband of Zwaantje (Prenger) Dear father and grandfather of

Siena & Henk Breukelman - St. Ann's, Ont. Diane, Sonia & Charlie, John,

Albert, Henry, Bernie, Ronnie, Herman

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Shirley, Ronald, Brenda John Henry & Ann Breukelman ---

Wainfleet, Ont. Maryann, Lisa, David

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and eight great-grandchildren The funeral took place on January 9, 1987, at the First Chr. Ret. Church, Thunder Bay, Ont Rev A.C. Leegwater officiated. Home address RR#6, Thunder

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Obituaries

"The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you." (Ps. 9:9-10)

On Mon., January 19, 1987, after a lengthy illness and at the Lord's appointed time. He took to be with Him, our dearly beloved husband. father and grandfather,

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FRANKDEEN

on January 19.

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at the age of 72

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Phillip Westergreen — Blackfalds Predeceased by his daughter, Nancy, in 1979.

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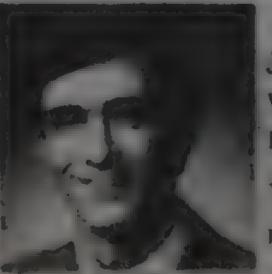
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Als gevolg hiervan moeten huisbazen, die hun huurders van na-'75 huizen meer dan de vier procent richtlijn in rekening gebracht hebben gedurende deze periode, deze huurverhoging nu rectifiseren of het verschil tussen de vier procent en het hogere bedrag aan de huurders terugbetalen.

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• Wanneer de huurder zeker is van het bedrag van terugbetaling, dan mag de huurder het nu afhouden van de huurbetaling.

Verplichtingen voor huisbazen van na-'75 woningen.

· Huisbazen, die hun huurders meer dan de vier procent richtlijn berekend hebben van 1 augustus 1985 tot 31 december 1986, zijn in de gelegenheid om vóór 2 maart 1987 aanvraag in te dienen bij de huurherziening, om deze huurverhoging te rechtvaardigen.

• Om hiervoor in aanmerking te komen moet de huisbaas een aanvraagformulier indienen bij het plaatselijke "Rent Review" kantoor samen met de van belang zijnde inlichtingen waaruit blijkt, dat de hogere huur verantwoord was.

• Huisbazen die in aanmerking denken te komen voor deze rechtmatige verhoging, moeten een afschrift van deze aanvraag aan alle huurders ter hand stellen binnen 10 dagen na aanvraag. De huurders zijn gerechtigd tot het bestuderen van alle bewijsmateriaal en kunnen hun aanmerkingen

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Huisbazen van na-'75 woningen die reeds een aanzegging van huurverhoging boven de 1987 richtlijn hebben ingediend:

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Sommige huisbazen van deze na-'75 woningen hebben reeds een aanzegging ingediend bij hun huurders van een huurverhoging voor of na 1 januari 1987, die hoger is dan de 5.2 procent richtliin.

Deze huisbazen hebben tot 2 maart 1987 gelegenheid om toestemming aan te vragen voor deze verhoging boven de 5.2 procent richtlijn.

Wanneer de huisbaas deze huurherziening aanvraagt, dienen de huurders een afschrift van deze aanvraag te ontvangen en zijn zij in de gelegenheid deel te nemen aan dit huurherzienings-

Wanneer de huisbaas deze huurherziening niet aanvraagt en de tijdperiode om dit te doen is verstreken, dan is de he soms verplicht het verselnt tussen de 5.2 procent en het hogere bedrag wat hij berekend heeft, terug te betalen.



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Balthasar Bekker — strijder tegen het bijgeloof

John H. Martens

In de zeventiende eeuw heerste er nog veel bijgeloof in Nederland en elders. Velen geloofden met hart en ziel in spoken, heksen, kabouters of hoe al die wezens ook maar mochten heten, die naar men aannam zo geheimzinnig 's mensen wel en wee beinvloedden.

Men was het er ook over eens dat zekere natuurverschijnselen - in het bijzonder de verschijning van kometen of meteoren voorboden van naderend onheil waren. Er heerste dan ook grote ontsteltenis in geheel Europa toen in de winter van 1680-1681 een aantal kometen werden waargenomen. Een zekere dominee in de Nederlands Hervormde kerk, Balthasar Bekker geheten, besloot over het gebeuren te preken en zijn gehoor gerust te stellen. Bekker zelf geloofde niet in spoken en hij raakte ook niet van streek bij het aanschouwen van de roodgloeiende staart van een komeet, die zijn door de Schepper van het heelal voorgeschreven baan volgde.

Pleidooi voor nuchterheid

Bekker schreef in 1683 een boek je waarin hij uiteenzette, dat in werkelijkheid niet veel bekend was over die geheimzinnige kometen. Ook dreef hij de spot met de gangbare opvatting dat hun verschijning rampspoed en onheil zou aankondigen. En waarom, zo vroeg Bekker zich af, waren de mensen zo bang voor kometen en niet voor allerhande andere natuurverschijnselen?

En hoe kwam het dan, dat in
1672 — niet eens zo lang
geleden — geen enkele komeet
was waargenomen, hoewel in
dat oorlogsjaar de éne ramp na
de andere het land had
getroffen? Enkele jaren later —
in 1691 — schreef Balthasar
Bekker zijn meest bekende
boek: De Betoverde Wereld,
zijnde een grondig onderzoek
van't gemeen gevoelen
aangaande de Geesten,
derzelver kraght en
gemeenschap doen.

Bekker bepleitte in zijn boek
het gebruik van het gezond,
nuchter verstand bij het
verklaren van wat op het eerste
gezicht misschien
onbegrijpelijk leek en hij
raadde zijn gehoor aan om
vreesaanjagende of afkeer
verwekkende aspecten van de
samenleving met een open oog
te benaderen.

De duivel speelde een grote rol
in de volksverhalen van die tijd.
Ontelbaar zijn de verhalen,
waarin een man of vrouw zijn
of haar ziel aan de duivel
verkoopt in ruil voor aardse
rijkdom. Tijdens het
stervensuur verschijnt dan de
duivel om zijn prooi op te
eisen, maar door een
Christelijk gebed of woord
slaat hij op de vlucht na
herkend te zijn aan zijn

bokkepoten. Gewoonlijk verdween hij dan even plotseling als hij was verschenen, een doordringende stank van zwavel en rook achterlatende.

Dergelijke verhalen werden grif geloofd; wij zijn meer nuchter en beschouwen ze als fabeltjes en als hoogst onwaarschijnlijke vertelsels in het licht van de verstandelijke vermogens, ons door de Schepper geschonken.

Een nieuwlichter

Bekker's boek werd niet door iedereen toegejuicht. Het bijgeloof was nog te sterk geworteld. Men noemde het boek "Schandaleus, goddeloos, en godslasterlijk" en "één van de schadelijkste werken, die ooit gedrukt zijn." Ook zou het zeer nadelig zijn voor de kerk en de Hervormde godsdienst. Men noemde Bekker zelfs een volgeling van Baruch Spinoza (1632-1677), de bekende Joods-Hollandse Wijsgeer, in wiens systeem geen plaats was voor de geopenbaarde waarheden van de Bijbel. Het was een ernstige aantijging, die echter alle kracht verliest, wanneer we weten, dat Bekker, daarin bijgevallen door andere godgeleerden, Spinoza als een geestes-zieke beschouwde. Bekker's boek veroorzaakte niettemin een enorme opschudding onder de predikanten van de Nederlands Hervormde kerk en in universiteitskringen.

Was Balthasar Bekker, de man die zo moedig optrad tegen ongerijmd bijgeloof en onhoudbare vooroordelen, dan een "vrijdenker" of een "liberaal," zoals wij dat nu zouden omschrijven zonder soms te beseffen wat dat woord "liberaal" allemaal kan betekenen? Bekker was geen van beiden. Hij was geen "vrijdenker" noch een "liberaal," zoals wij dat woord soms verstaan. We kunnen alleen maar zeggen, dat in Bekker's dagen waarschuwingen tegen bijgeloof of een weigering om te geloven dat om zo te zeggen in elke hooiberg of in elke kast of onder elk bed spoken of duivels zouden kunnen huizen, ontsteltenis veroorzaakten in de kringen van de uiterst rechts orthodoxe vleugel van de: Nederlands Hervormde Kerk.

In deze kringen werd Bekker ongetwijfeld als een 'nieuwlichter' beschouwd. We zouden hem nu niet zo betitelen of voor een 'liberaal' verslijten. Integendeel, zijn rechtzinnigheid en aandringen op het houden van twee kerkdiensten des zondags.

zouden hem in onze dagen stempelen tot een boven verdenking staande "conservatief." Bekker's loopbaan kenmerkte zich door twee dingen. Hij was in de eerste plaats een theoloog met een onafhankelijk oordeel, een bewonderingswaardige eigenschap, die de bezitter toen, net als nu, soms in moeilijkheden kan brengen. Verder was dominee Bekker een predikant. die zijn ambt uitermate ernstig opnam en blijk gaf van grote ijver. In die dagen werd in de meeste Nederlands Hervormde kerken op Zondag slechts een dienst gehouden, hoe vreemd dat ook moge klinken. Te dikwijls denken we dat dit een verschijnsel is van de 20e eeuw, hoewel dan natuurlijk niet in onze eigen kerk. Bekker stond er op ook een middagdienst te houden, hoewel boze tongen beweerden dat zulks gebeurde, daar de dominee zichzelf zo graag hoorde. Dergelijke

onder zijn kudde, die hij diende te vermanen of terug te brengen op het pad der deugd. Bekker kreeg bijvoorbeeld te maken met een dronken burgemeester, die hoogst schunnige liedjes had gezongen in Francker's straten. En wat te denken van de vechtlustige professor, die zich uiterst brutaal gedroeg voor de kerkeraad en aan wie deswege toegang tot het Heilig Avondmaal was ontzegd?

En er waren meer droevige gevallen van dien aard. Toch genoot Bekker het vertrouwen van het merendeel van zijn ambtgenoten, zoals bleek in 1672, toen hij gekozen werd als voorzitter van de Provinciale Friese Synode, bijeengeroepen ter discussie van de heersende oorlogstoestand. Niettemin bleef de weerstand tegen zijn "nieuwigheden," waaronder vooral het houden van Lijkpredikaties, wijd verbreid. In 1674 besloot Bekker een beroep aan te nemen naar de

velen, te veel, die in het heersende bijgeloof deelden. Zelfs van de kansel werd bij tijd en wijle gebeden voor personen die van de duivel bezeten waren.

Een heel bekend geval deed zich voor in Kampen in 1683. Een oud vrouwtje werd beschuldigd een knaap van 13 jaar behekst te hebben. Het jongmens beweerde geregeld, dat hij spijkers, haarvlechten, beschreven papier uitbraakte. Het vrouwt je ontsnapte ternauwernood aan de volkswoede en een ellendige dood. Later zakte de jeugdige schurk door de mand en bekende alles te hebben verzonnen. Maar vooral de Kamper dominees leden een ernstig gezichtsverlies. Ze hadden publiekelijk gebeden, dat de duivel mocht uitgaan van de jeugdige boosdoener.

Bekker's geschriften verschenen op het juiste moment. Want het was hoog tijd, dat er stemmen opgingen tegen het bijgeloof in wat voor vorm dan ook. De Kamper affaire demonstreerde nog eens weer het absurde geloof in heksen, meestal arme, oude, kromme vrouwtjes, veelal misvormd door afwijkingen aan de ruggegraat, een conditie meest voorkomend bij vrouwen op leeftijd, als een gevolg van kalkgebrek en niet te wijten, zoals men toen aannam aan de werking van de boze.

Wanneer we denken aan dominee Balthasar Bekker, geboren in Metslawier in Friesland in 1634, gestorven in Amsterdam in 1698, dan mogen we niet alleen zijn "Gerijmde Kinderleer" beämen uit de grond van ons hart, maar onszelf door het geloof ook bevrijd beschouwen van elk bijgeloof, ouderwets of modern.

Dat hebben onze voorouders blijkbaar niet altijd begrepen.

aantijgingen lieten Bekker koud.

Bijbelse leer

In het bijzonder besteedde hij veel aandacht aan het onderwijzen van de jeugd van zijn gemeente. In "De Gerijmde Kinderleer," een jeugd Catechismus van 52 vragen en antwoorden, hebben we een welsprekend getuigenis van zijn Bijbels geloof. Luister naar wat Bekker zijn leerlingen voorhoudt:

"Wat wordt in Jesus' naam gevonden?

Hij maakt ons salig van de zonden.

Wat is hij die Christus heet?
Koning, Priester en Profeet
Wat nut deed ons zijn komst
beneden?

Hij heeft God's toorn voor ons geleden."

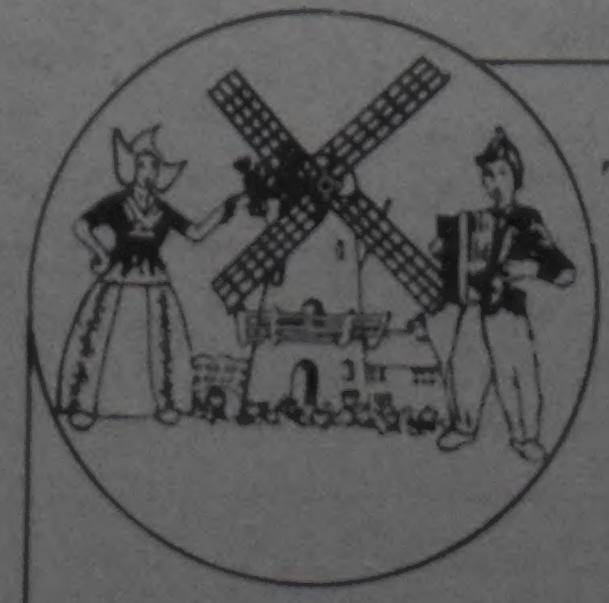
In 1677 werd Bekker
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Hervormde gemeente in
Francker. De plaatselijke
universiteit was een broeinest
van godsdienstige geschillen,
waarvan Bekker zich niet altijd
verre hield. Ook waren alle
professoren in de godgeleerdheid ondanks hun wijsheid niet
altijd voorbeelden van
deugdzaamheid. Het was geen
wonder dat dominee Bekker
niet erg gewaardeerd werd door
de meer ongebreidelde typen

kerk van Loenen, en in dat jaar vertrok hij uit Franeker, de universiteitsstad, waar twistgesprekken en haarkloverijen soms de boventoon voerden, naar het landelijke plaatsje aan de Vecht.

Gebed voor een schurk

Bekker wilde door zijn
geschriften het gewone volk
voorlichten aangaande het
heersende bijgeloof, maar niet
minder was het zijn bedoeling
de waardigheid van het
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Zij staat bekend als de blinde zangeres, die in de bijna 95 jaren dat zij leefde niet minder dan 8,000 geestelijke liederen heeft gedicht en gezongen. Zij tekende heel vaak met een pseudoniem een, 'nom de plume,' wel meer dan 200 maal!

Zij was geen blindgeborene. Wel werd er bij haar geboorte een oogontsteking geconstateerd. De dokter meende dat hete kompressen genezing zouden bewerken. Fanny was nog maar zes weken oud, toen zij door de hete

kompressen blind was geworden.

Enkele jaren later bezocht zij de school voor de blinden in New York. Afgestudeerd op 18-jarige leestijd, werd zij aan dezelfde school aangesteld als onderwijzeres. Zij gaf les in Engelse grammatica, rhetorica, Romeinse-en Amerikaanse geschiedenis. Elf jaar lang stond zij daar voor de klas. In 1858 trouwde zij met Alexander Van Alstyne, een muziekleraar aan dezelfde school. Hij was ook blind!

Opeen zekere dag in het jaar 1874 had Mrs. Van Alstyne wat geld nodig. En zij had niets in huis. Zij was gewend al haar noden voor te leggen aan haar hemelse Vader. Ook op die dag

vertelde ze Hem haar gebrek aan geld. Toen zij gebeden had, werd er aan de voordeur gebeld. Zij opende de deur en ... daar was iemand die zij nog nooit ontmoet had. De man die gebeld had was een liefhebber van Fanny's geestelijke liederen en wilde eens met haar praten over de melodieën. Toen hij wegging groette hij haar door haar een hand te geven. Hij liet echter iets achter in haar hand. Het was een geldstuk. En ... het was precies het bedrag dat Fanny die dag nodig had en waarom zij God gebeden had. Zij dankte haar God hartelijk voor Zijn antwoord. Zij greep pen en papier, en schreef als in één adem het bekende lied: Al de weg leidt mij mijn Heiland, wat verlangt mijn ziel dan meer?

Drie coupletten! Zij stuurde het gedicht naar Robert Lowry, een bekende componist. Hij zorgde voor de bekende zeer passende melodie. All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915
Tune: All the way
Robert Lowry, 1826-1899
1. All the way my Saviour leads me;

What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy,
Who thro' life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
Here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know what-e'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well;
For I know what-e'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well!

2. All the way my Saviour leads me;
Cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial,
Feeds me with the living bread:
Tho' my weary steps may falter,
And my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the Rock before me,
Lo! a spring of joy I see;
Gushing from the Rock before me
Lo! a spring of joy I see.

3. All the way my Saviour leads me;
Oh, the fulness of His love
Perfect rest to me is promised
In my Father's house above.
When my spirit, cloth'd immortal,
Wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song thro' endless ages:
Jesus led me all the way;
This my song thro' endless ages:
Jesus led me all the way.

Reference text: Deuteronomy 32:12a "The Lord alone led him (His people). (from the song of Moses)
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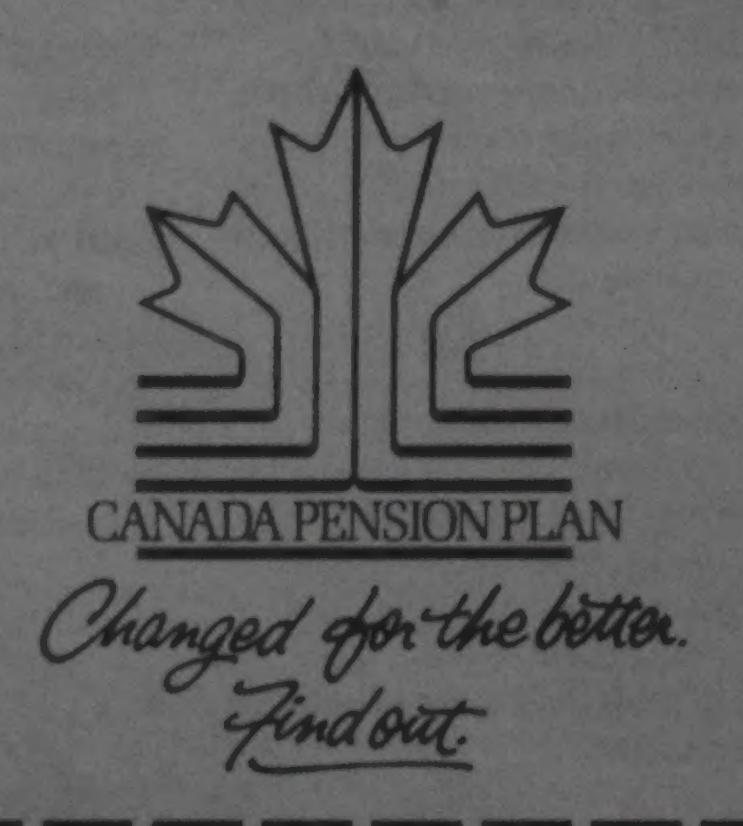
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1. Al de weg leidt mij mijn Heiland,
Wat verlangt mijn ziel dan meer?
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Die mij voortleidt keer op keer?
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Heb ik steeds op zijn bevel;
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Hij maakt alle dingen wel.
'k Weet wat hier mij overkome
Hij maakt alle dingen wel!

2. Alde weg leidt mij mijn Heiland,
Troost geeft Hij tot in den dood.
Als ik zwak ben in beproeving
Sterkt Hij mij met 't hemels brood.
Als mijn treden soms gaan wank 'len
En mijn ziel van dorst versmacht,
Geeft Hij mij het levend water
En vernieuwt mijn levenskracht.
Geeft Hij mij het levend water
En vernieuwt mijn levenskracht.

3. Al de weg leidt mij mijn Heiland

Door al't aardse stormgebruis.

En volkomen vreugde wacht mij In het zalig Vaderhuis. Als'k mijn kroon, die Hij zal geven, Aan Zijn voeten nederleg, Zal mijn lied voor eeuwig wezen: "Jezus leidde m' al de weg." Zal mijn lied voor eeuwig wezen: "Jezus leidde m' al de weg." Fanny J. Crosby auteur Robert Lowry componist Naam van de melodie is Al-de-weg. Dit gezang verscheen voor het eerst in een bundel zondagschoolliederen, getiteld 'Brightest en Best' die werd uitgegeven door William H. Doane en Robert Lowry in 1875. The Nederlandse vertaling is te vinden in de bundel van Johannes De Heer, nr. 5.

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Persoverzicht

Carl D. Tuyl



et gaat mijnheer B. Mulroney niet voor de wind, om het maar eens matig uit tedrukken. Als iemand zoveel tegenwind op de fiets had ging hij achteruit. De tarievenonderhandelingen met Amerika lijken meer op een oorlog met alle nederlagen aan deze kant van de grens. De populariteit van zijn regering is ongeveer zo hoog als het water in een droge put, en er moest weer een kabinet-minister de laan uit vanwege geruchten over landspekulatie van twijfelachtige eerlijkheid.

Toch is het niet allemaal nieuws in mineur. Amerika's vice-president George Bush komt naar Ottawa om te zien of de vriendschap tenminste een beetje hersteld kan worden. Steken onder water over het Amerikaans-Canadees Autoverdrag, en Washington's ogenschijnlijke onverschilligheid ten opzichte van het zureregen-probleem hebben de liefde tussen Reagan en Mulroney aardig bekoeld. En wat de bitterheid nog verergert is het seit, dat Amerika wèl een milieureinigingsverdrag sloot met Mexico. Mulroney's "vriendschapspolitiek" met Washington is wel op een fiasco uitgelopen.

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De Turner-wraak gaat rond în de Liberale Party. Het gaat nogal netjes en zonder veel oproer, maar het is een feit dat Chretien aanhangers net zoveel kans in de partij hebben als een zakkenroller in een congres van politieagenten. De Liberalen staan ook aardig in 't krijt, voor meer dan twintig miljoen, en er moet geld op tafel komen natuurlijk.

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r is ongerustheid over de ijsbreker die Mijnheer Joe Clark met zoveel fanfare aankondigde in 1985. U weet wel, dat wordt de boot die onze soevereiniteit in de Poolzee gaat bewijzen. Er gaan geruchten, dat de regering het duurste ontwerp van een buitenlandse firma de voorkeur gaat geven boven een Canadees plan, dat tenminste zegge en schrijve honderd miljoen dollar goedkoper zou zijn. 't Zou me niets verbazen. Onze regering heeft het hele systeem van bieden ondersteboven gekeerd. Inplaats van wat algemene praktijk is, om de goedkoopste bieder het kontrakt aan te

bieden, schijnt onze regering kontrakten uit te geven op zuiver politieke basis.

Het heeft nog nooit zo erg geboterd tussen Ottawa en de provincies, maar de laatste tijd wordt het niet beter. De belasting op vuren-hout export is een verleidelijke pot voor de premiers en iedereen wil er het grootste aandeel van hebben. Relaties met Alberta zijn zeer zeker niet rooskleurig. Problemen rond de olieindustrie dragen bij aan de moeilijkheden, en de atmosfeer herinnert aan de Trudeau-Lougheed gevechten.

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De rente in Canada da alde bijna nog vlugger dan de temperaturen in Europa. Helaas deden de banken alsof hun neus bloedde, en de prijs van konsumentenleningen ging niet naar beneden. De dollar daalde op de Europese valutamarkten tot een nieuw laagtepunt. Het reisje naar Holland wordt een stuk duurder.

Het nieuws van de oorlog tussen Iran en Iraq is verschrikkelijk. Duizenden en duizenden jonge mensen verliezen het leven of lopen gruwelijke verminkingen op. Maar in de wereld schijnt het minder ergernis of aanstoot te geven dan de jacht op zeehondjes.

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China heeft een halt toegeroepen aan de voortschrijdende onafhankelijkheidstendenzen van de bevolking en van de studenten in het bijzonder. Tot hiertoe en niet verder, en er moest een zwart schaap komen om de schuld op zich te nemen. Deng's rechterhand ging onceremonieel de laan uit. Zijn ontslag bewees, hoe groot de invloed en macht van de konservatieven nog is. Een Chinees persbureau publiceerde een foto van een daar ontworpen en geproduceerde bommenwerper. China, zo toont de foto, is niet het achterlijke land van weleer.

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r was ook schokkend

nieuws uit Engeland waar

het bekend werd dat de kinderjuffrouw van de Prinses of Wales ontslag heeft genomen. Het konflikt was over opvoedingsmethodes voor de vierjarige zoon van de Prins en Prinses, die de pers Wilde Willie gedoopt hebben. Ik denk dat de kinderjuffrouw er op stond dat Wilde Willie zijn spinazie zou opeten, en dat de Prinses meer toegeefelijk was. Ik herinner me nog vaak zulke konflikten uit mijn eigen experimenten in de peadagogie.

Opvoeding van kinderen is een onderwerp, dat besproken is gedurende het verblijf van het mensengeslacht op deze aarde. Wanneer moeten ze op het potje wordt al gauw, hoe laat moeten ze thuiskomen. Het beste is maar om veel van je kinderen te genieten en gedachtig te zijn aan het woord van de Here Jezus: "tenzij gij wordt als deze"

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